

# Field Applications of Non-Conventional Reinforcing and Strengthening Methods for Bridges and Structures, Part 1 of 3 (Speaker Schedule)

**Moderator: Jimmy Kim** (Steve Nolan support) 5 x 20 min. presentations + 3 min. Q&A each.

- 1:05 pm**      **Using a Prestressed Mechanically Fastened FRP Plate for Strengthening Bridges in N.C.**  
Rudolf Seracino (*North Carolina State University*)
- 1:28 pm**      **Prestressing with GFRP Bars and Strands for Substructure Applications**  
Marco Rossini (*University of Miami*)
- 1:51 pm**      **US-41 over North Creek; FRP-RC 2-Span Flat Slab Bridge and CFRP-PC/GFRP-RC Substructure & Bulkhead**  
Joe Losaria (*Patel, Greene and Associates*)
- 2:14 pm**      **CFRP-PC/GFRP-RC Harkers Island Bridge Replacement Project**  
Trey Carroll (*North Carolina DOT*)
- 2:37 pm**      **US-1 over Cow Key Channel Span Replacements with CFRP/GFRP-PC Florida Slab-Beams - Luis Vargas (Bolton Perez)**

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# Using a Prestressed Mechanically Fastened FRP Plate for Strengthening Bridges in NC

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Introduction

- Background
- Retrofit concept
- Retrofit design

Field Demonstration Project

- Franklin County Bridge
- Sampson County Bridge

Predicted Global Behavior

- Layered-sectional analysis
- Second-order effect
- Predicted results

Conclusions

## Background

### AASHTO Load Limit

- Inventory rating
  - Routine traffic
  - No incremental damage
  - Zero tensile stress** in concrete
- Operating rating
  - Infrequent, heavier traffic
  - Small incremental damage
  - Maximum live load** permissible

### State of C-Channel Beams in NC

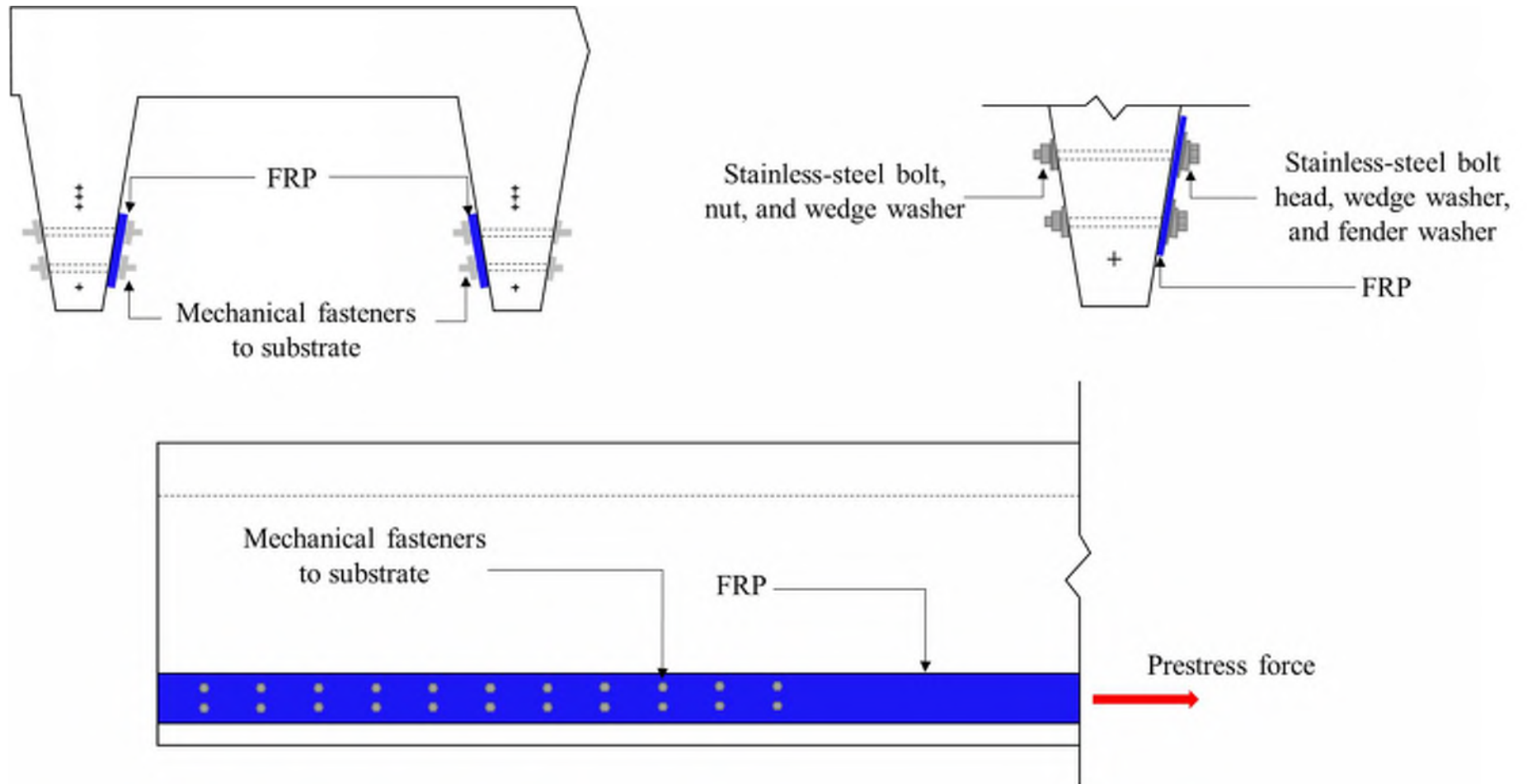
- Approximately 80% of 269 bridges are load posted
- Average detour: 7.5 miles
- Increased travel time
  - School bus: 22 minutes
  - Fire truck: 14 minutes

### MF-FRP Repair System

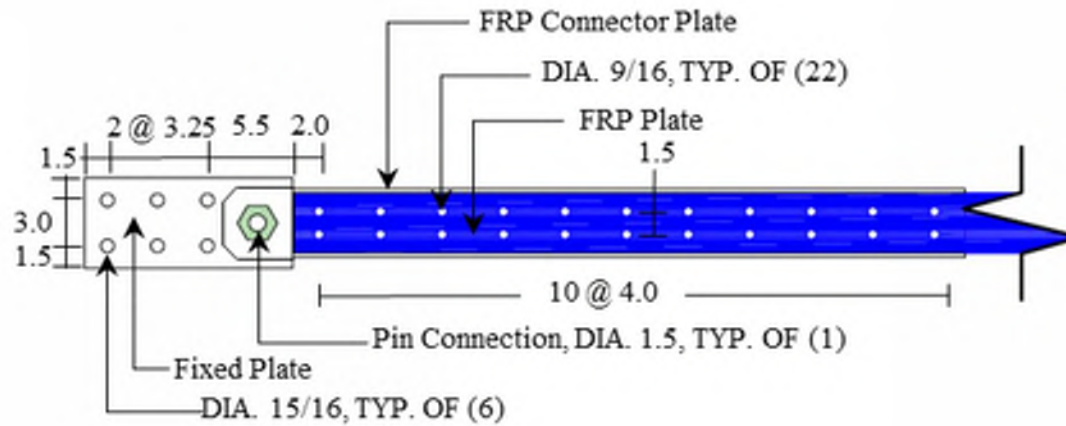
- Rapid installation
- Common tools & equipment
- Restore prestress loss
- Simple FRP prestress process



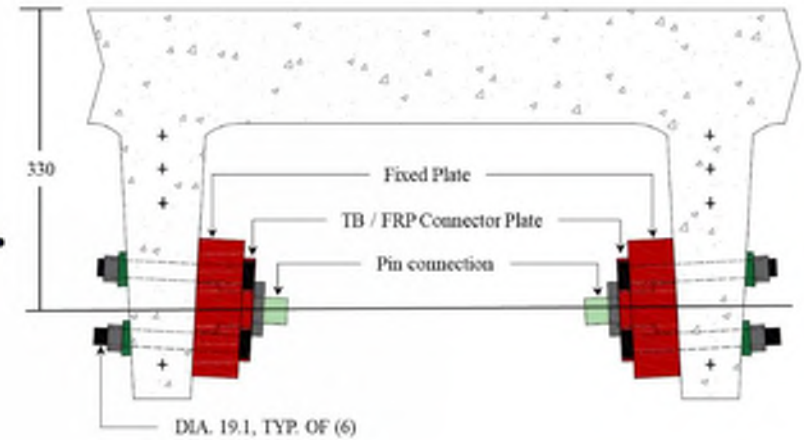
## Original Retrofit Concept – C-Channel Beams



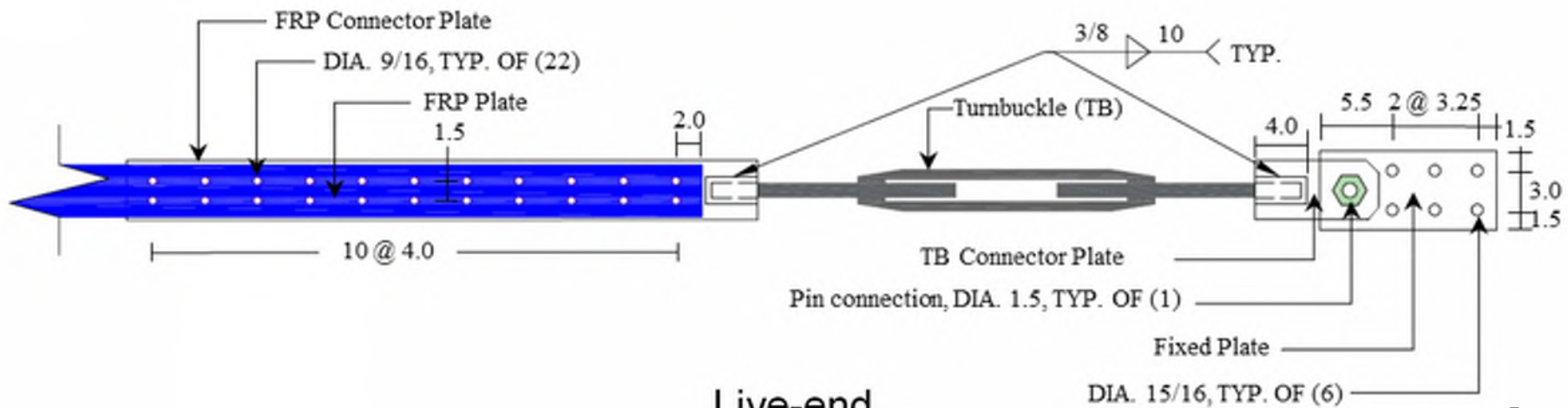
# MF-FRP 2.0 Design Details



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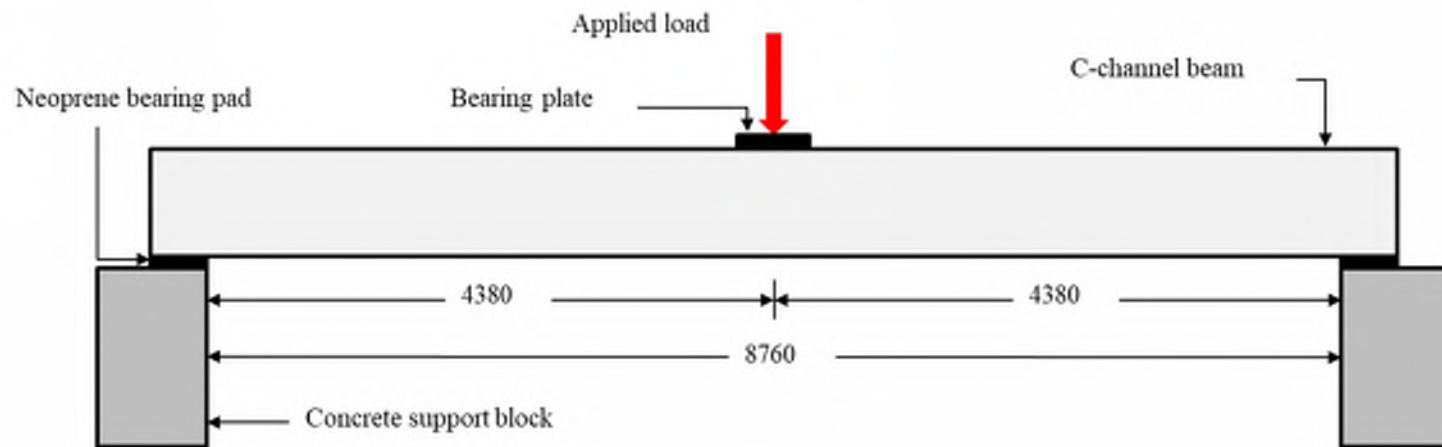


Cross-section detail



Live-end

# Large-Scale Laboratory Experiments



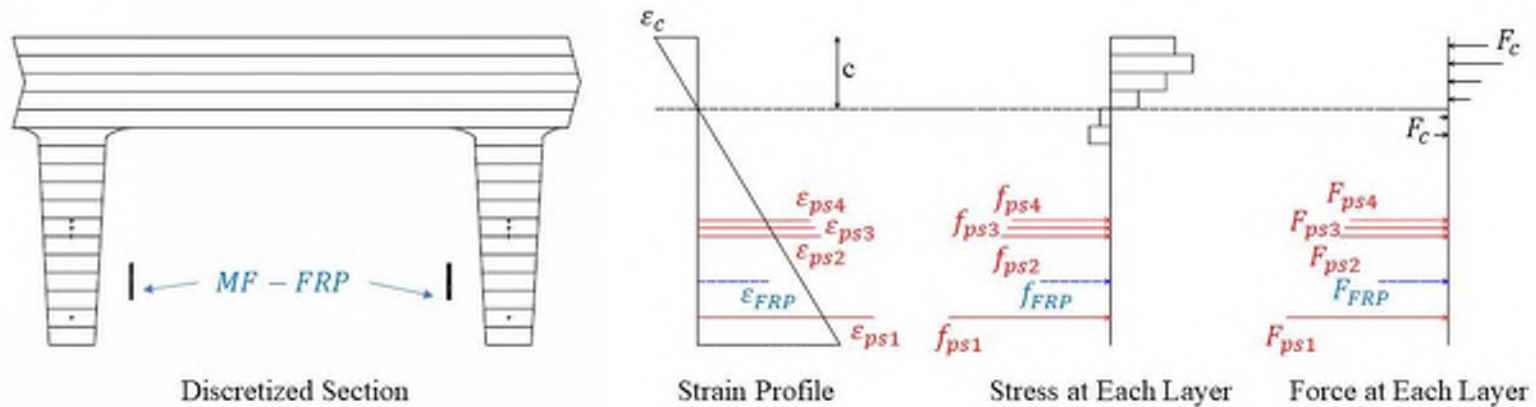
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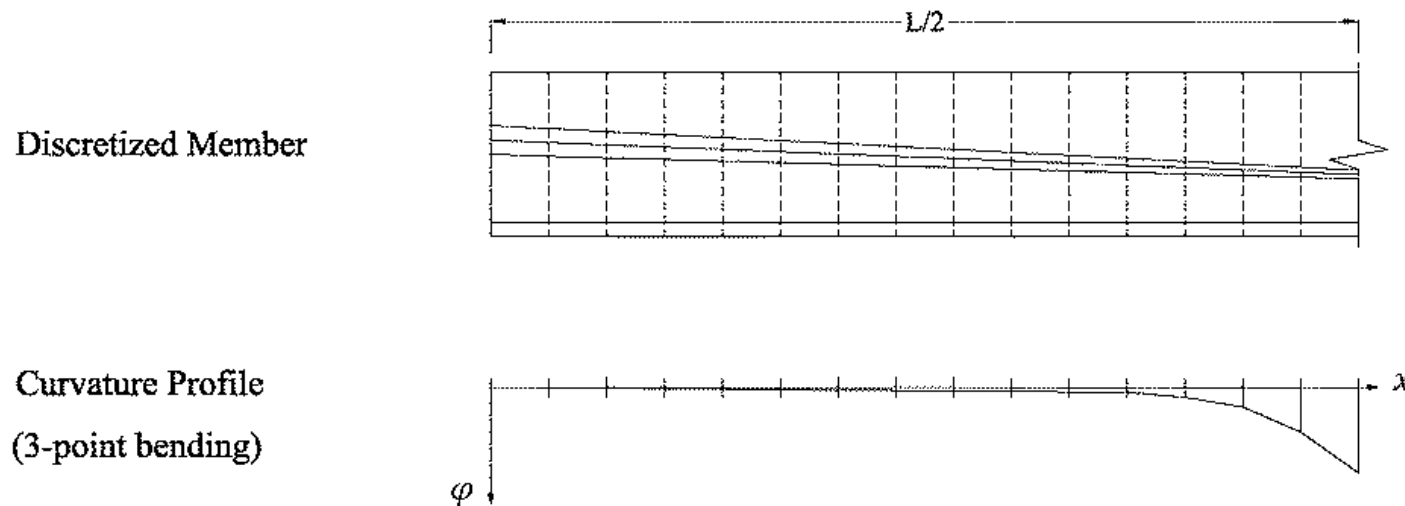
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## Predicted Global Behavior

### Layered-Sectional Analysis – Moment and Curvature



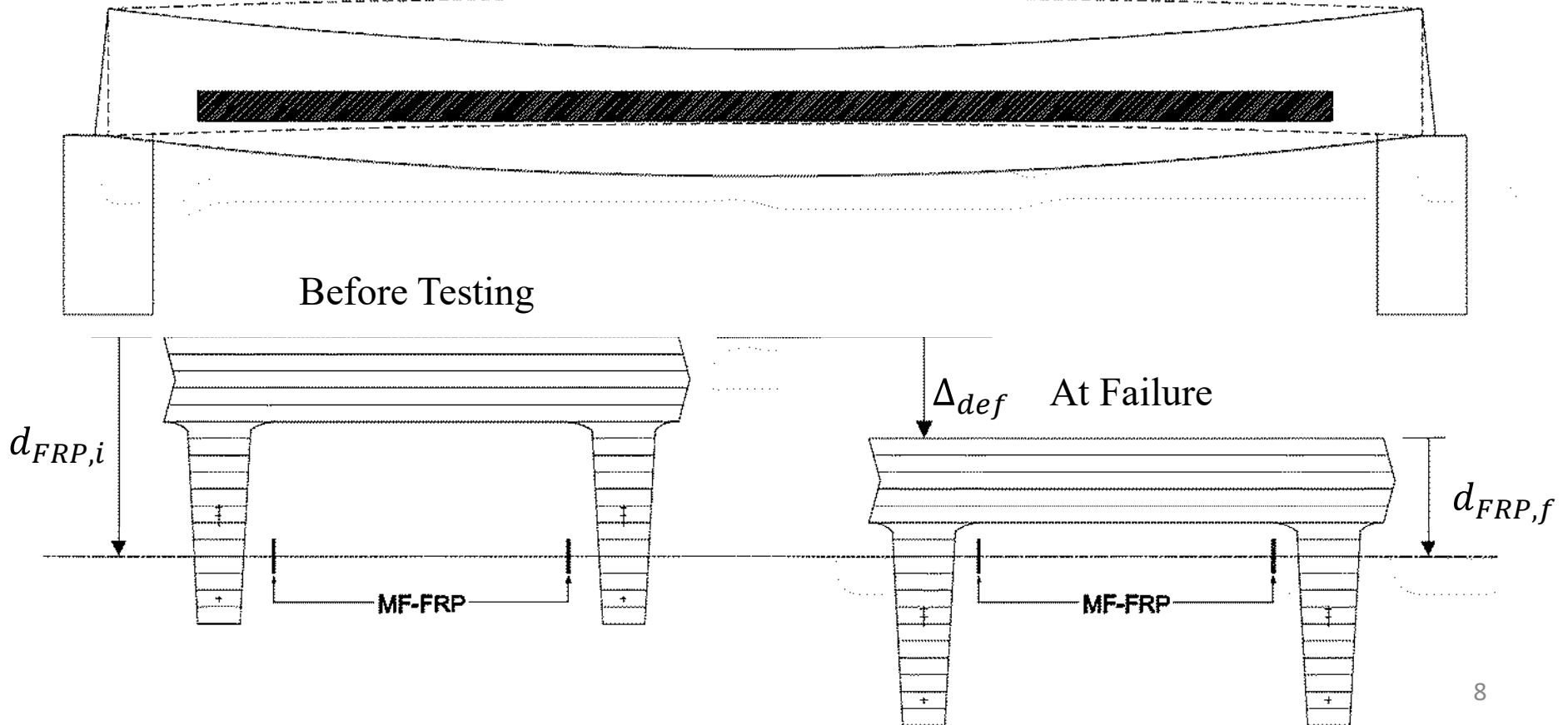
### Moment-Area Method – Deflection



## Predicted Global Behavior

### □ Second-order effect

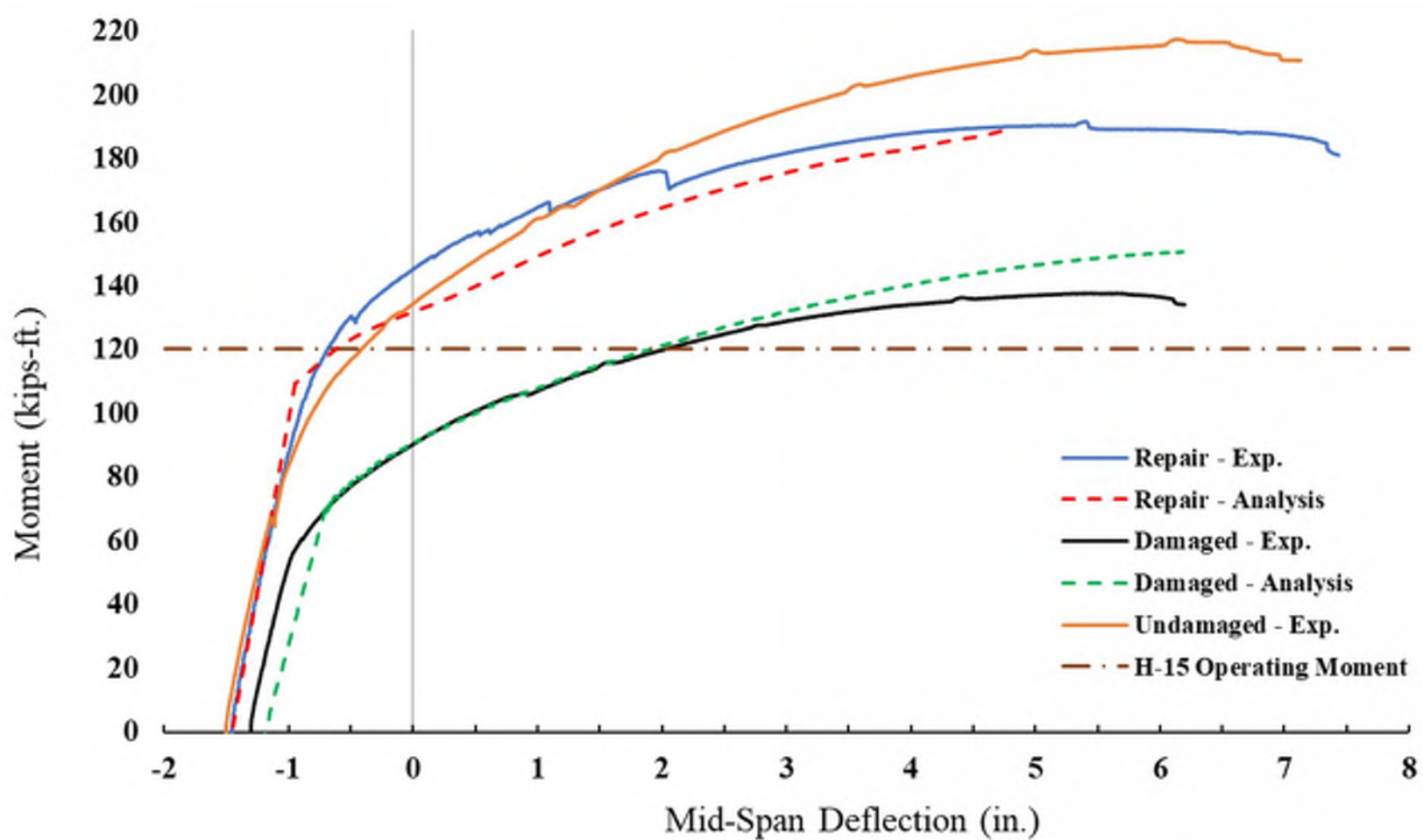
- MF-FRP system – similar to unbonded prestressing
- No strain compatibility
- Change in unbonded prestress force is related to member deflection





## Predicted Global Behavior

### □ Predicted vs Experimental Results



## Field Demonstration

Bridge No. 340080, **Franklin County**, North Carolina – April 2019



- ❑ Spalling and flexural crack of previous repair
- ❑ Requires posting 18/24 without repair
- ❑ ADTT ~50, impacting local logging industry

- ❑ Built in 1961
- ❑ Previously repaired with patches
- ❑ Current posting 21/28



## Field Demonstration

Bridge No. 340080, **Franklin County**, North Carolina – April 2019



- Rapid and easy installation
- Low material cost
- Installed by a four-person DOT crew
- Approximately 4.1 labor-hours for a single C-Channel beam repair installation



## Field Demonstration

Bridge No. 340080, **Franklin County**, North Carolina – October 2020



- After 18 months of service:
  - retrofit remains in good condition
  - C-Channel beams are continuing to degrade



## Field Demonstration

Bridge No. 810003, **Sampson County**, North Carolina – October 2020



- Built in 1966
- 3-span, C-channel beam
- Currently closed to traffic
- Previous posting 16/22

- Extensive spalling and flexural cracking of previous repairs
- Significant corrosion of prestressing strands
- ADTT ~60, Detour length 6 miles





## Field Demonstration

Bridge No. 810003, **Sampson County**, North Carolina – October 2020



## Field Demonstration

Bridge No. 810003, **Sampson County**, North Carolina – Oct 2020

- ❑ **Retrofit Design – Flexural and Shear Strengthening**
- ❑ Flexural Strengthening – **MF-FRP 2.0 Design**
- ❑ Shear Strengthening – Apply **bolted steel plates** on the damaged stems in the end regions



Flexural Strengthening



Flexural and Shear Strengthening

## Conclusions

- ❑ The proposed MF-FRP system addresses both inventory and operating load limits for prestressed concrete bridge beams.
- ❑ A procedure has been developed to predict the moment-displacement response of MF-FRP strengthened C-channel beams.
- ❑ An MF-FRP system remains in good condition on an existing bridge after 18 months of service since the installation.
- ❑ The MF-FRP design is optimized for rapid installation by a four-person DOT crew, without the need for specialized tools or equipment, that is an economical alternative compared to other options.
- ❑ A second repair on a closed C-Channel bridge is designed that addressed both flexural and shear strengthening.





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# Prestressing with GFRP Bars and Strands

NCHRP-IDEA/207: MILDGLASS

**Marco Rossini**

**Antonio Nanni**

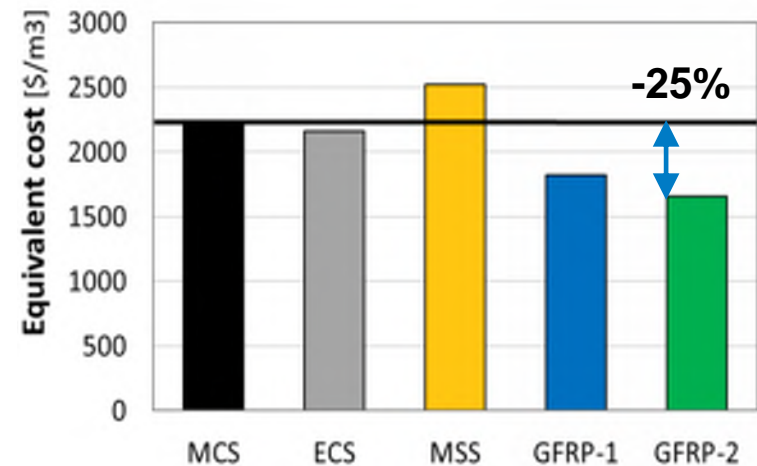
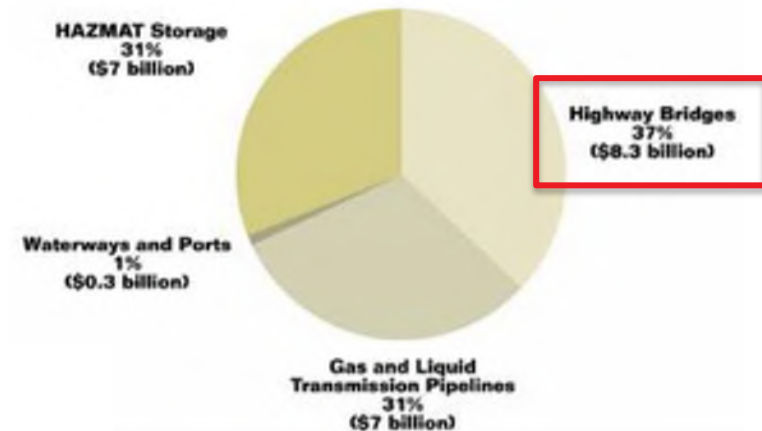
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# The Problem of Corrosion: Cost

- Demand for durable and low-maintenance technologies from: **DOTs, FHWA, AASHTO, EU** and member states
- **8.3B USD** annual cost of corrosion for highway bridges in the US
- **21B USD** total maintenance, rehabilitation, replacement cost for sheet piles in Florida (**3,600 miles** armored shoreline)
- Non-corrosive reinforcement may reduce Life Cycle Costs by **25%**



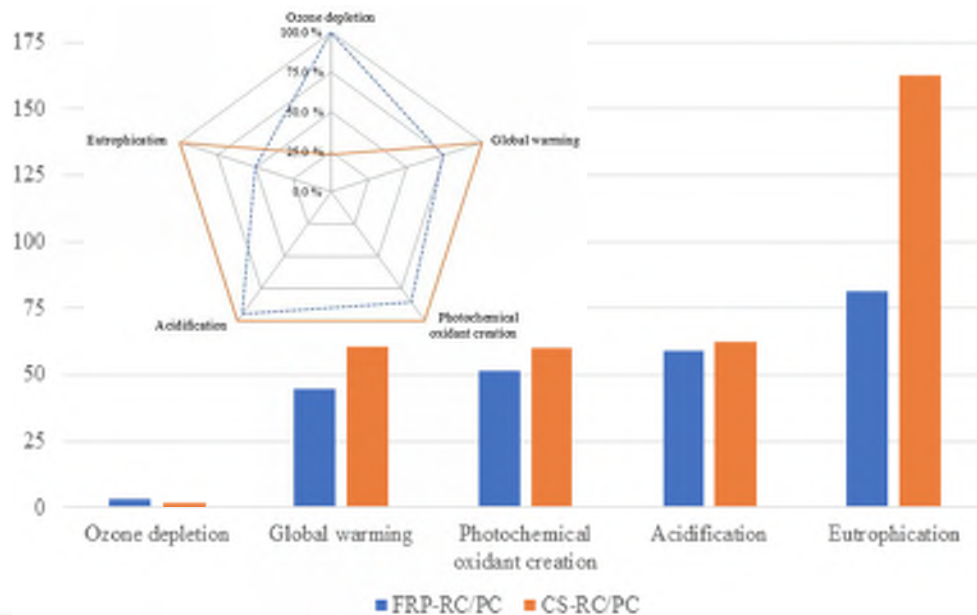
# The Problem of Corrosion: Safety

- **10+ major Bridge Collapses** co-caused by corrosion since 2014
- Pre/Post-tensioned cable-stayed bridge in Genova (IT)
- Post-tensioned medium-span bridge in Agrigento (IT)



# The problem of Corrosion: Sustainability & Resilience

- **Recyclability** applies to disposables
- **Durability** applies to structures and infrastructures
- Reduced environ. impact from maintenance (average **-25%**)
- Ensure **Resilience** of transportation network and communities



# Solution: Fiber Reinforced Polymers

- CFRP strands for **prestress**
  - 1x7-15.2 mm
  - 2300 MPa | 155 GPa
  - **x4.0** times steel cost
- GFRP bars for **reinforcement**
  - 16 mm round solid
  - 800 MPa | 45 GPa
  - **x1.5** times steel cost
- GFRP strands for **mild PC (?)**



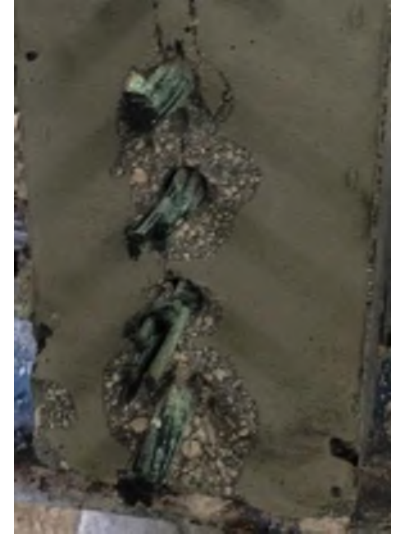
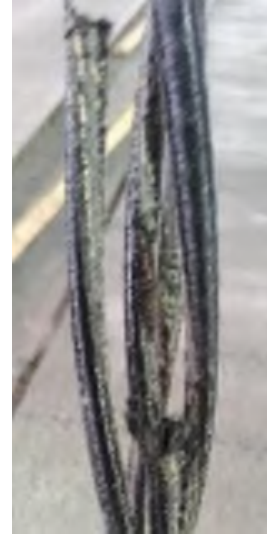
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# Challenges of CFRP Prestressing

- **Effective but complex**
- **Expensive: 4 times steel**
- **Expansive**: pseudo-Poisson ratio
- **Complex**: large anchors & splicing
- **Brittle**: constructability & safety



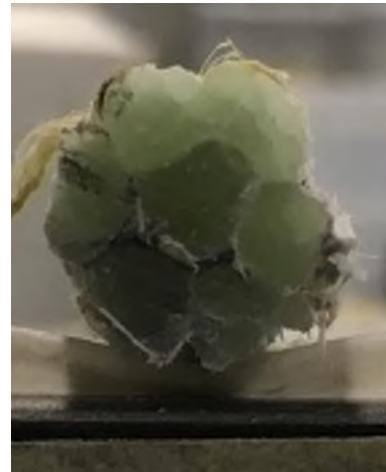
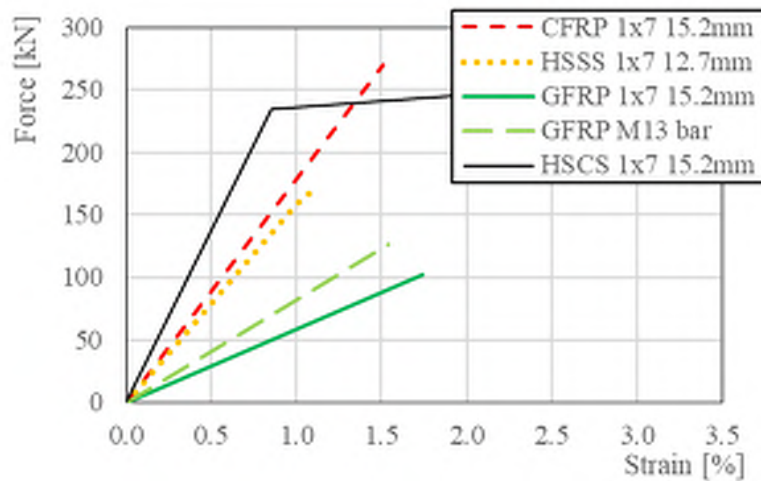
# Concept: FRP Mild Prestressing

- Low prestress level
- **Simple**: standard anchors
- Steel-like **constructability**
- Limits cracking
- Safe pulling
- Targets **Coastal Structures**
- **Highest corrosion**
- Lowest prestress
- Piles, sheet piles, seawalls



# Prototype: GFRP Strand

- Tailored for deployment
- **Economic:** 1.5 times steel
- **Efficient:** low modulus → low losses
- **Simple:** same anchors as steel-PC
- **Pseudo-ductility:** large displacement





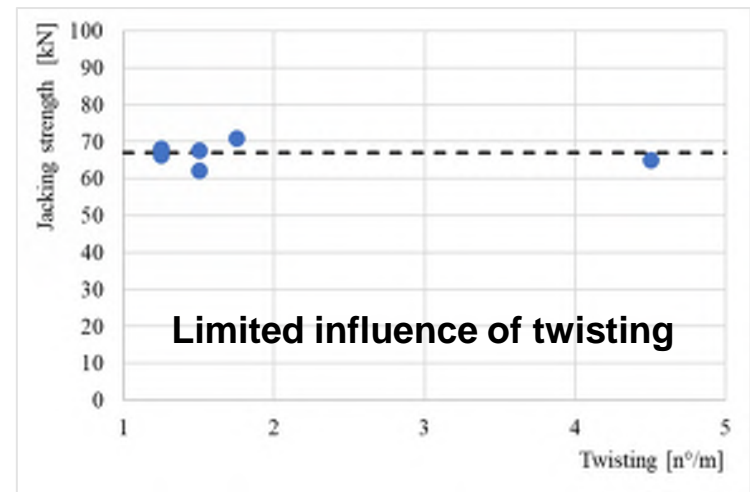
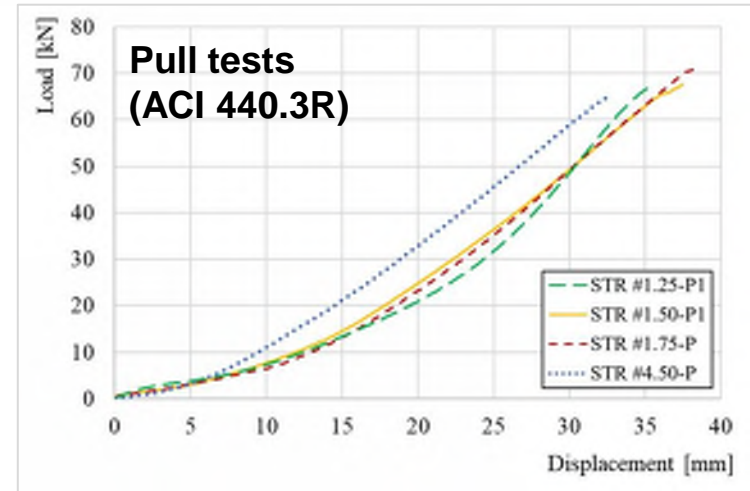
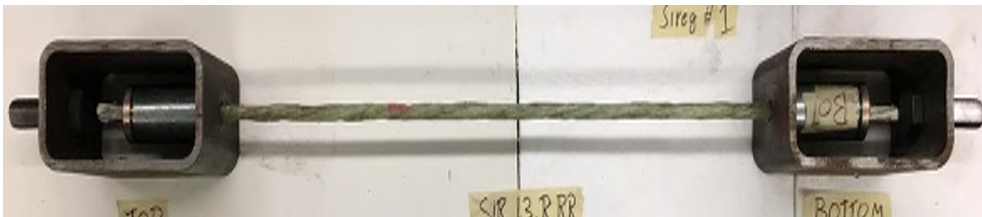
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# Pull Strength with Steel-PC Anchors

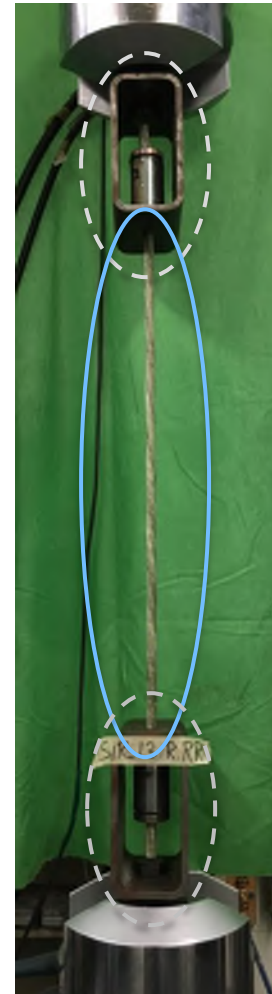
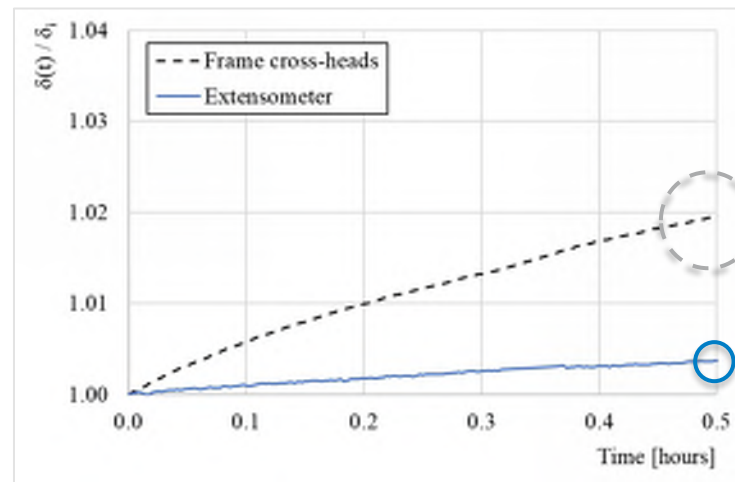
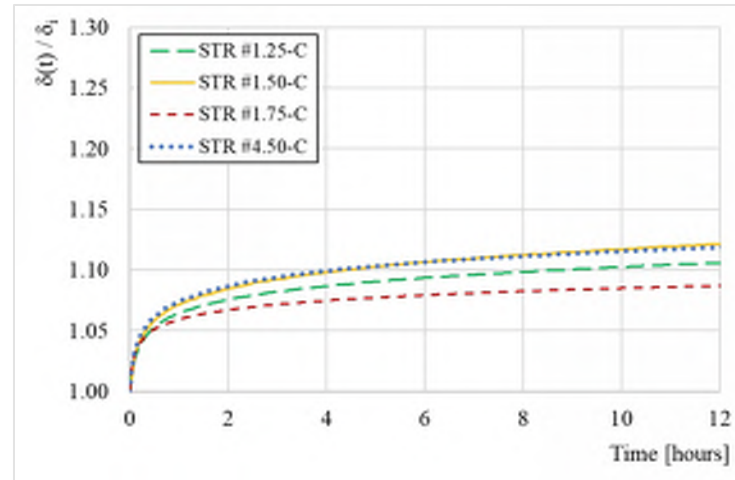
- Standard anchors and wedges
- 7 tests | COV = 3.9%
- Guaranteed

**56% GTS**  
**464 MPa**  
**59 kN**



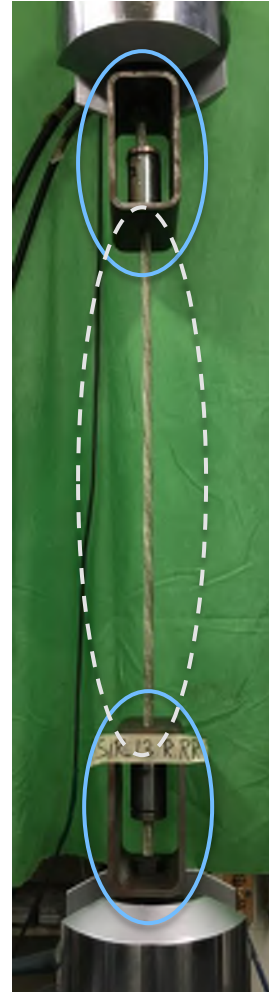
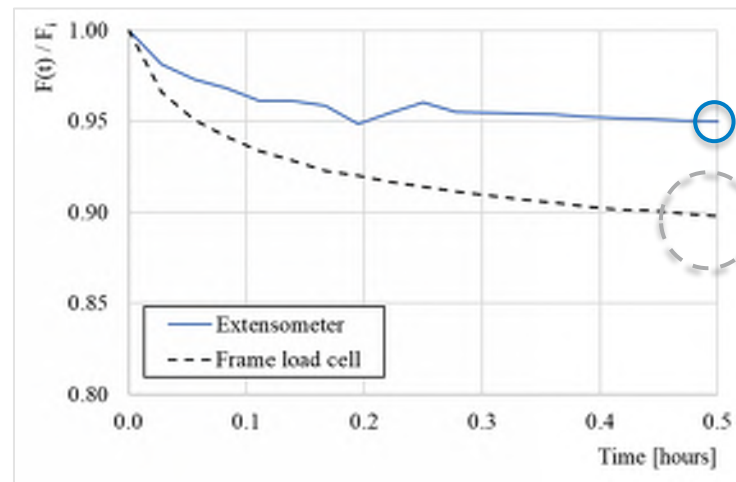
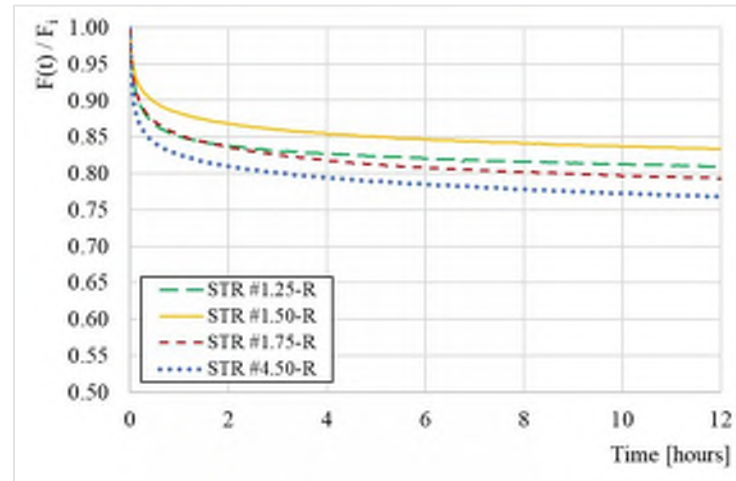
# Pseudo-creep Behavior

- **Load control**
- $\delta/\delta_i = 1.11$  | COV = 1.2%
- **20% creep** in the strand
- **80% slip** at anchors
- As the anchors slip and the strand creeps, the crossheads move to apply more load
- The extensometer only sees creep
- Slip → **setting losses**

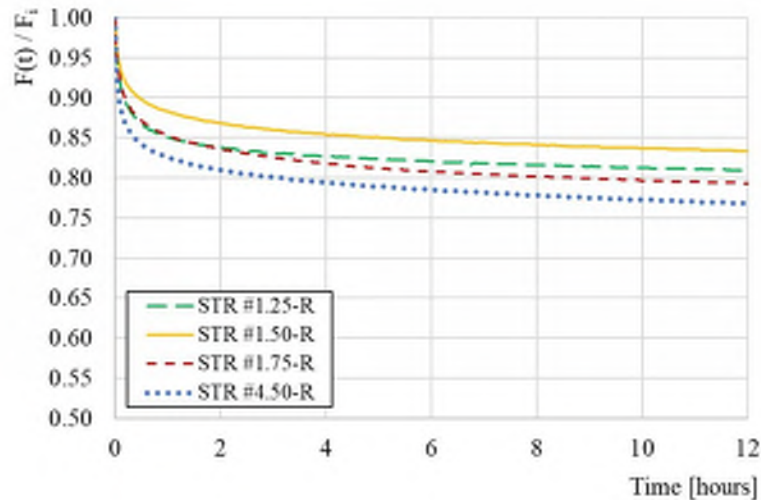


# Pseudo-relaxation Behavior

- Displacement control
- $\Delta F = 0.20 F_i$  | COV = 12%
- **50% relax.** in the strand
- **50% slip** at anchors
- No movement at crossheads
- As the anchors slip, the strand shortens and the extensometer measures
- Need to reduce losses



# Pull Techniques for Reduced Losses

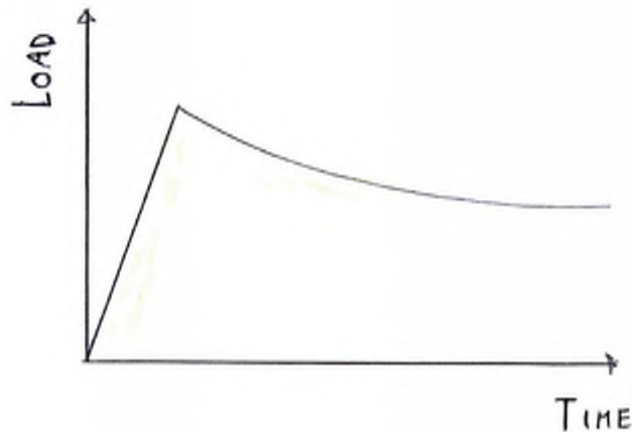


**Single pull**

**0.20  $F_i$**

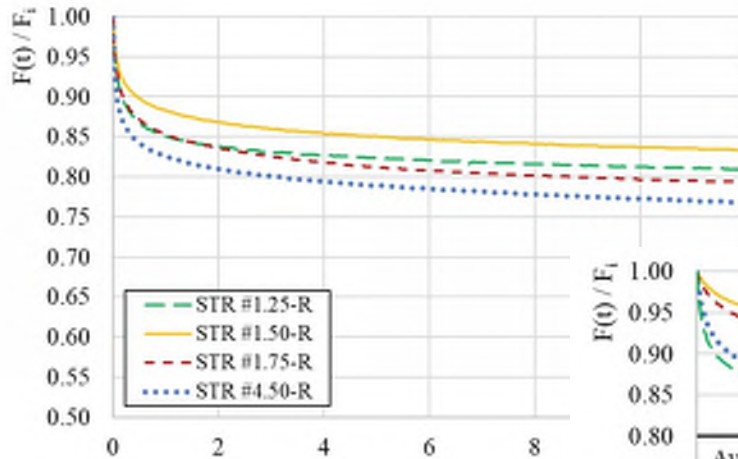
**Simple** and familiar to precasters

Are **re-pull** or **pre-pull** necessary & feasible?



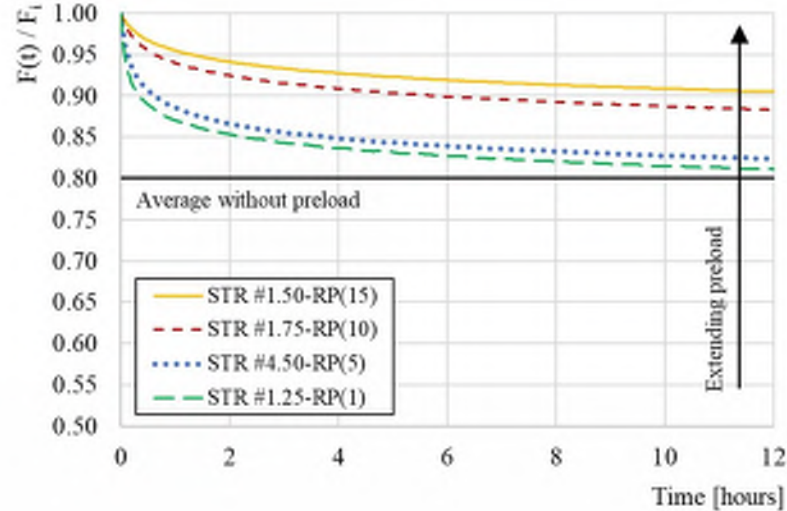
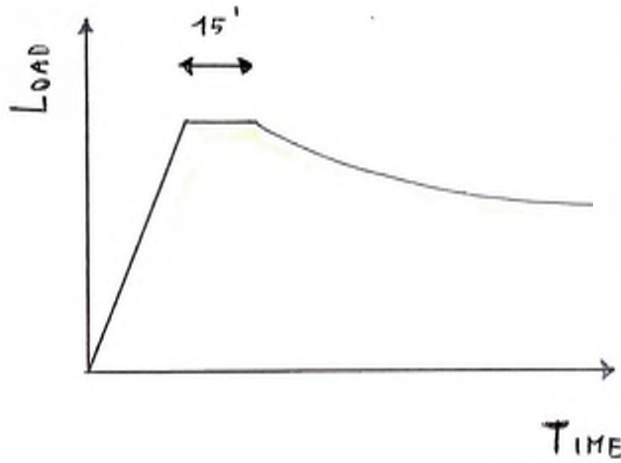


# Pull Techniques for Reduced Losses



Pre-pull 1 to 15 minutes

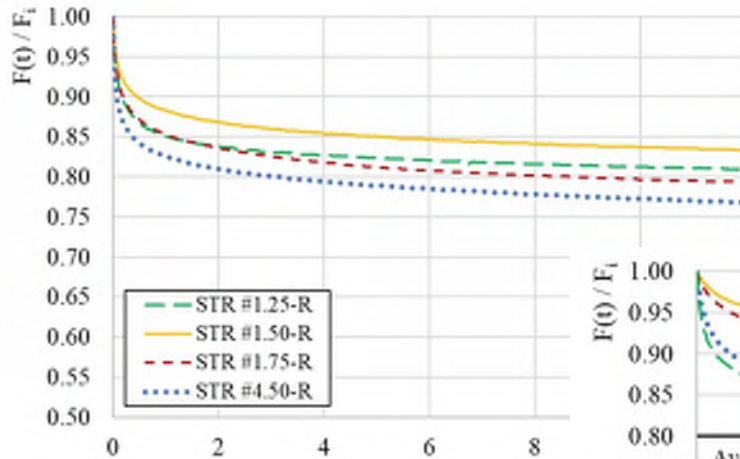
$0.20 F_i \rightarrow 0.10 F_i$



Better  
performance

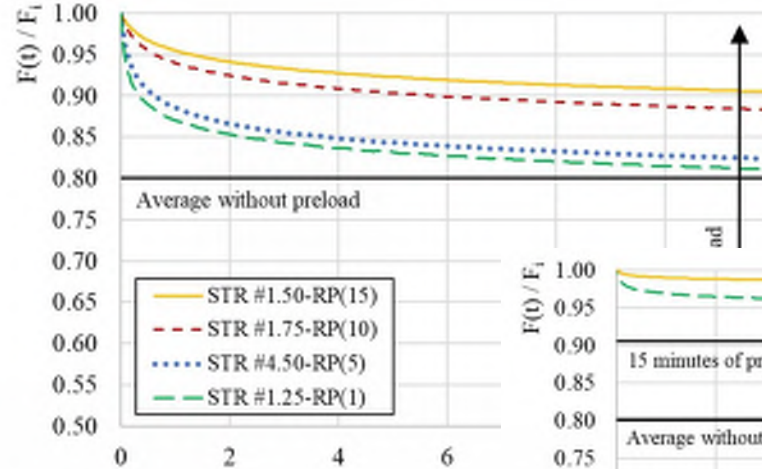
Difficult  
to deploy

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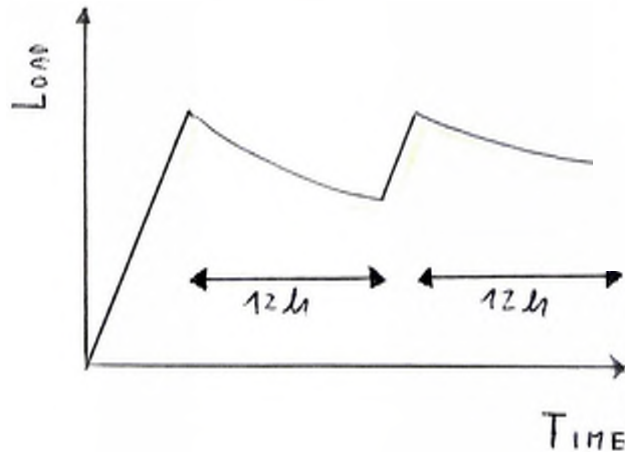


Re-pull after 12 hours

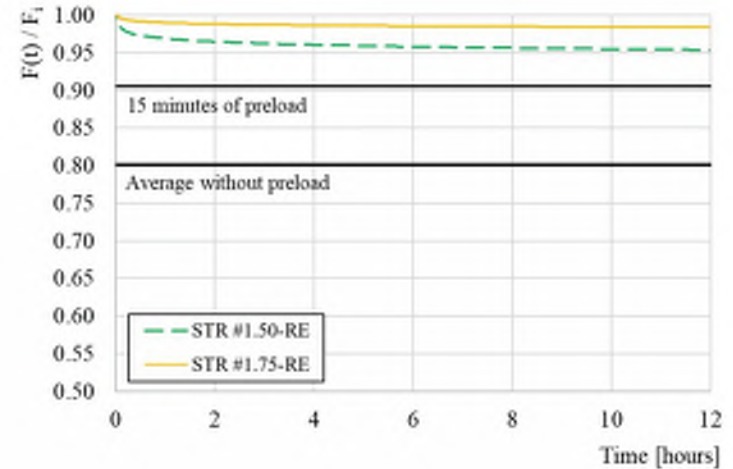
$$0.20 F_i \rightarrow 0.10 F_i \rightarrow 0.04 F_i$$



**Best**  
performance



**Typical** for  
stress-relieved



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# First GFRP-PC Piles in the Ground in Florida

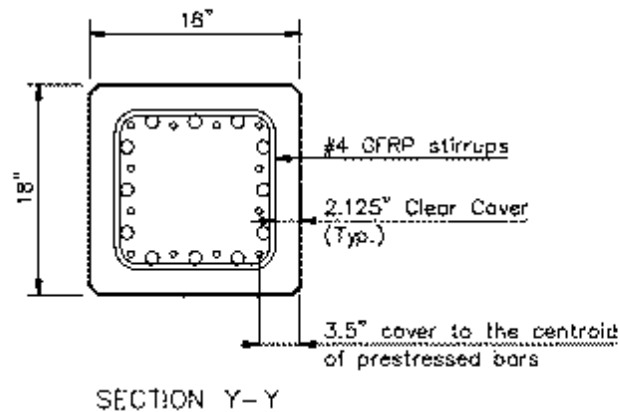
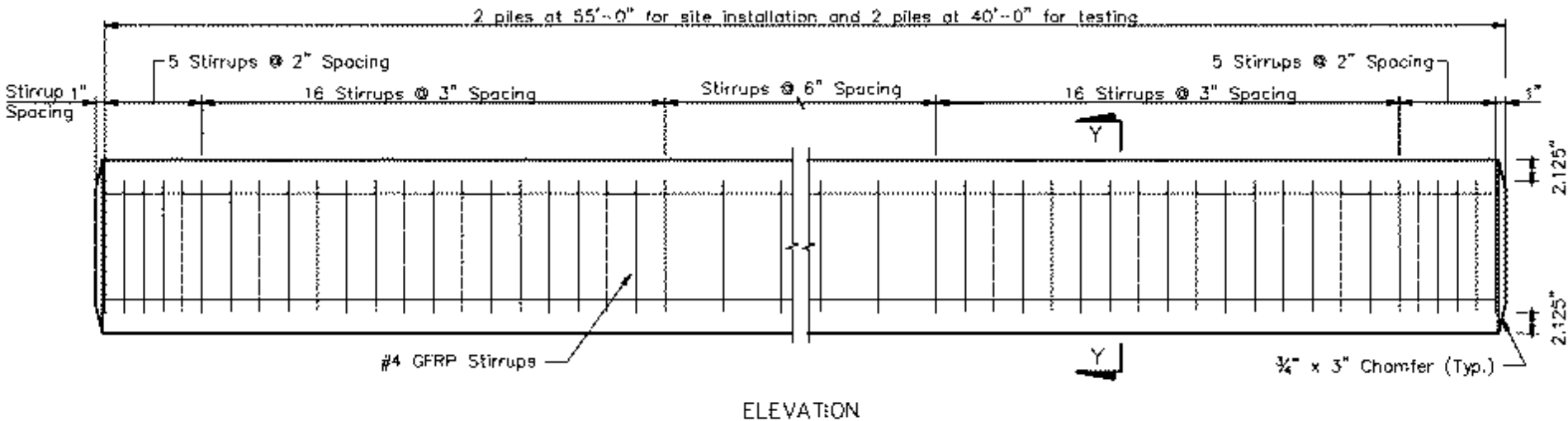




# Installation at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Bridge



# Shop Drawings per FDOT Specifications

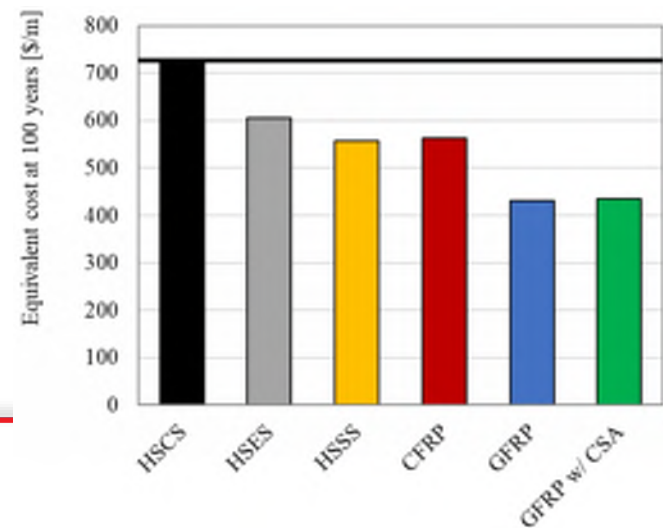
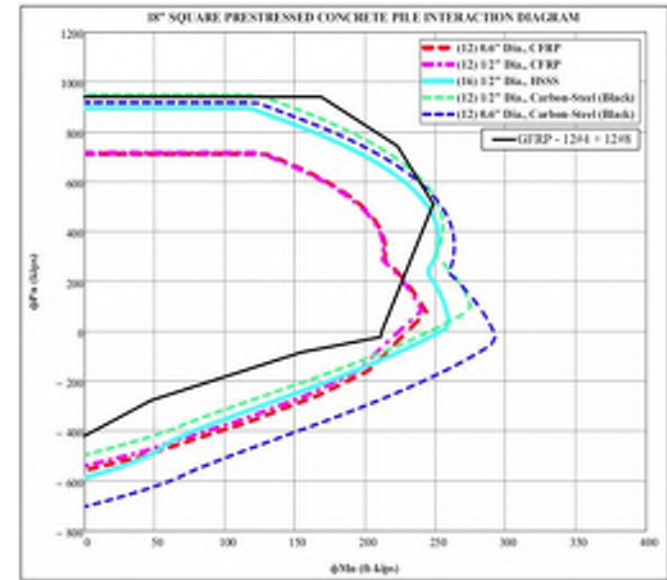


## GFRP partially prestressed cross section

- 12 ~ #4, GFRP bar, at 6.5 kips after seating losses
- 12 ~ #8, GFRP bar, non prestressed

# Structural & Economic Performance

- **Partially prestressed**
  - 12 M13 at 30 kN (30% GTS)
  - 12 M25 non-prestressed
- **Same performance** as FDOT steel, stainless, CFRP design
  - **Flexure, shear, drivability**
- **40% cheaper** than steel and **25% cheaper** than carbon over its life cycle.
- **100 years** service life



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# Conclusions

- Developed the concept of **Mild Prestressing**:
  - Mitigate challenges of CFRP in some applications
  - **GFRP strands prototype**
  - **Traditional steel-PC anchors**
- Feasible technology with pull at **30-50 %GTS**
- **First demonstrator** successfully installed at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Bridge a Florida DOT project.
- Same performance, more **durable**, at a **lower cost**.



Question?

ThankU!



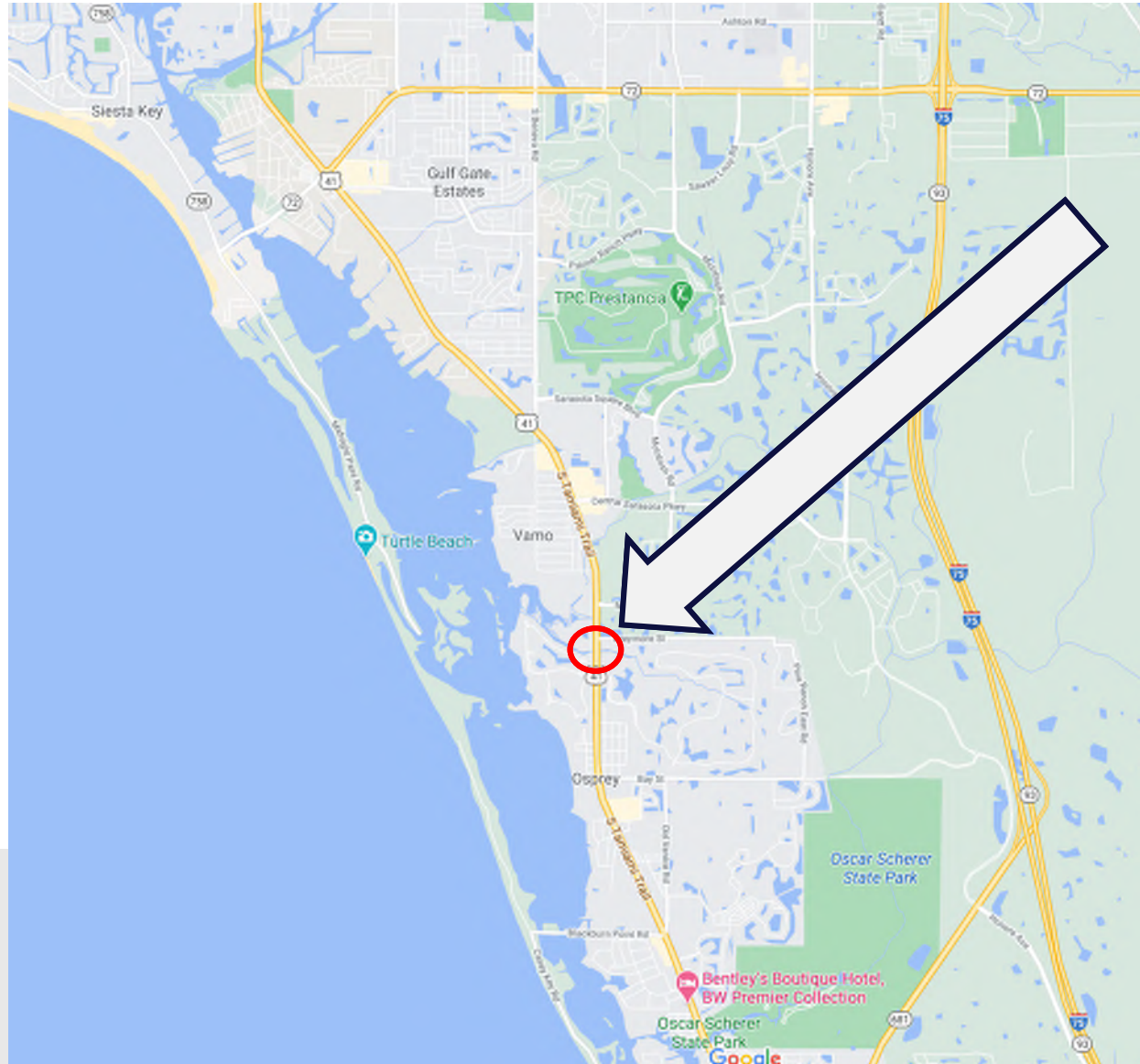
# US 41 NB over North Creek FRP Reinforced Concrete Two-Span Flat Slab Bridge



Joseph Losaria, PE - PGA  
Steven Nolan, PE - FDOT  
Andra Diggs II, PE - FDOT  
David Hartman – Owens Corning

# PROJECT LOCATION

- Sarasota County, Florida
- South of Sarasota, FL near Osprey, FL
- Outfalls to Little Sarasota Bay
- Tidally Influenced
- Within FDOT District 1



# INTRODUCTION

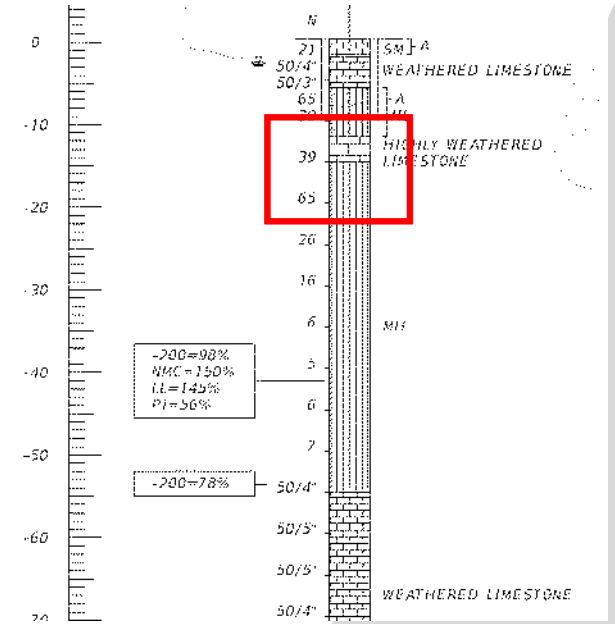
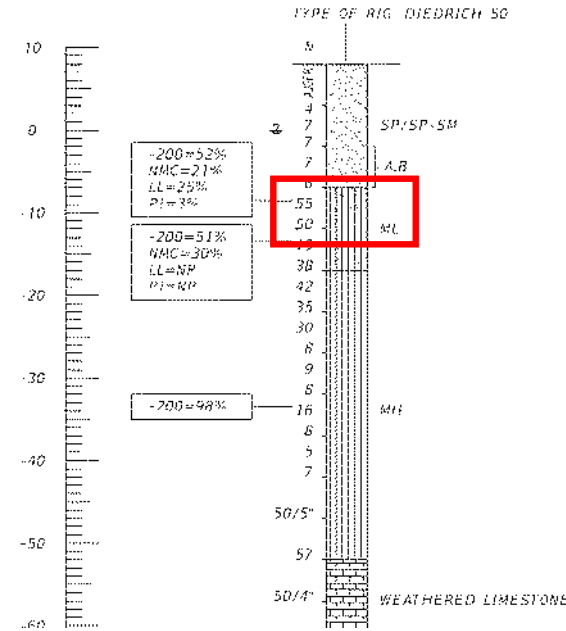
- **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) PROJECT**
  - Transportation Innovation Challenge Initiative (Andra Diggs II)
  - Project required additional shoulder, bike lanes and sidewalk
  - **Existing Bridge**
    - Built in 1927 and widened in 1950
    - No existing plans available
    - Existing bridges were cast in place flat slab superstructures on unknown foundations
    - Utilized vertical wall abutment
    - Previous pile jacket repairs
  - **Bridge widening was considered but was not feasible given the age of the bridge.**
  - **Options considered during bridge development study:**
    - Separate shared use path bridge
    - Bridge replacement
    - Culvert alternative





# GEOTECHNICAL

- Presence of shallow limestone layer
- Extremely aggressive environment
  - Tidal Condition at North Creek
  - Flows to Little Sarasota Bay
- Foundation options considered:
  - Steel Piles
  - Precast Square Concrete Piles
  - Drilled Shafts

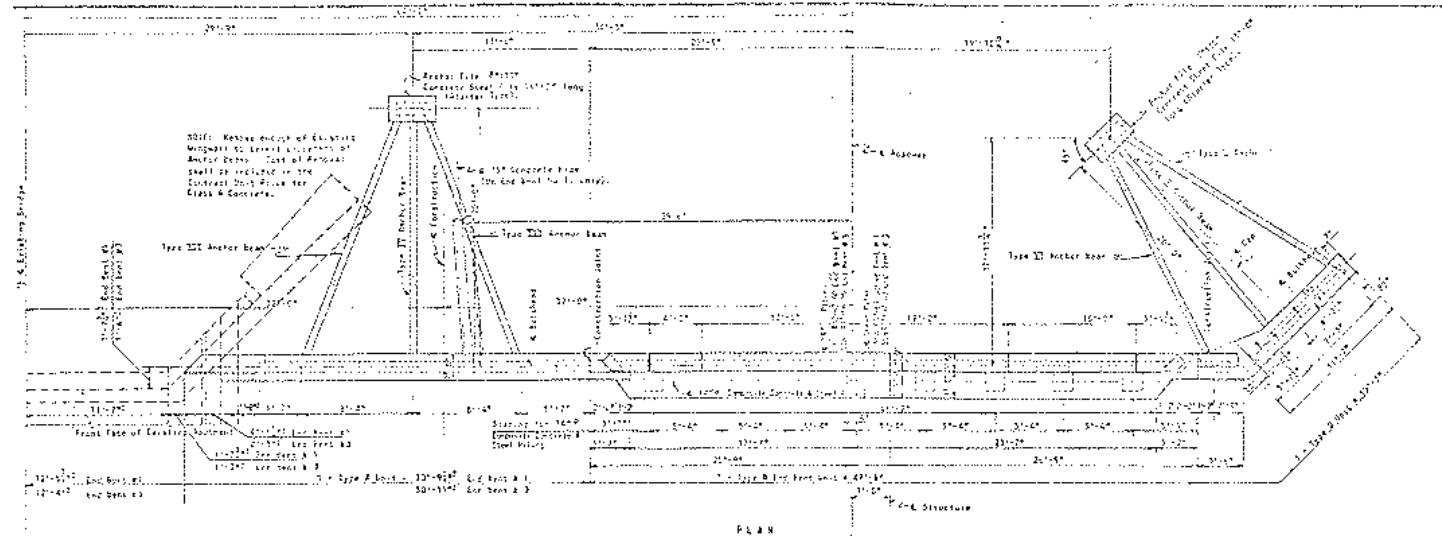


# END BENT SYSTEM

- Need vertical retaining walls at abutments to tie into SB bridge that is to remain



- Existing abutment wall system:
- Concrete sheet pile walls with a deadman system





# END BENT SYSTEM

- **Evaluated several retaining wall types**
  - **Steel sheet pile**
    - Issue with shallow limerock layer
  - **Concrete sheet pile with deadman system**
    - Costly and labor intensive
  - **Soldier-Pile wall**
    - Uses precast square concrete piles
    - Uses precast concrete panels
- **Recommendation: Concrete Soldier Pile Wall System**

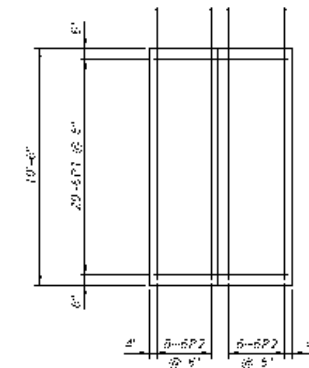
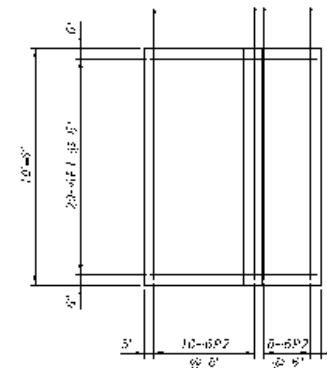
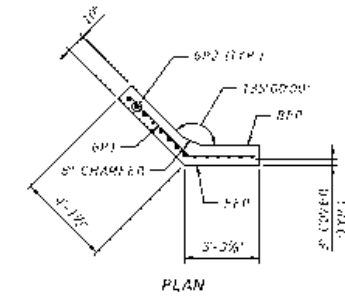
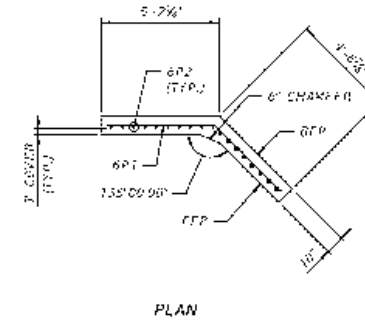
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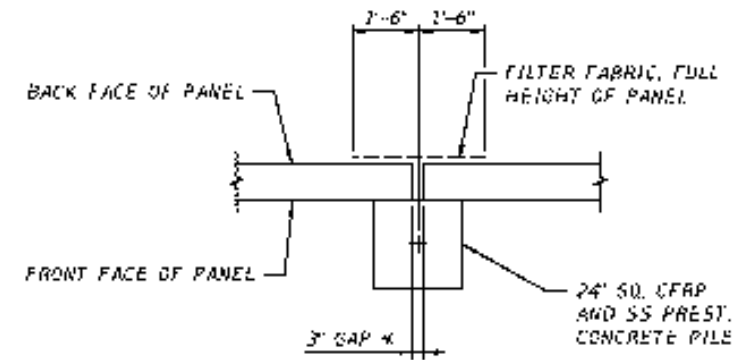
- Precast Concrete Panels
- Able to accommodate geometry changes along wall.
- Faster construction since panels are precast.





# END BENT SYSTEM

- Precast Concrete Panels



\* CONTRACTOR SHALL GROUT THE GAP BETWEEN ADJACENT PANELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPEC 45J-45. GROUT SHALL PROVIDE FULL BEARING OF PANEL AGAINST PILE AND COMPLETELY SEAL ANY OPENINGS BETWEEN PANELS AND CONCRETE PILES. PRIOR TO GROUTING, THE VERTICAL JOINTS BETWEEN PANELS SHALL BE CLEANED AND FREE OF DEBRIS.

PRECAST CONCRETE PANEL GAP DETAIL



# END BENT SYSTEM

- Lateral Stability
  - Need to check at service and during construction limit state
  - Control deflections at top of pile until pile cap is poured

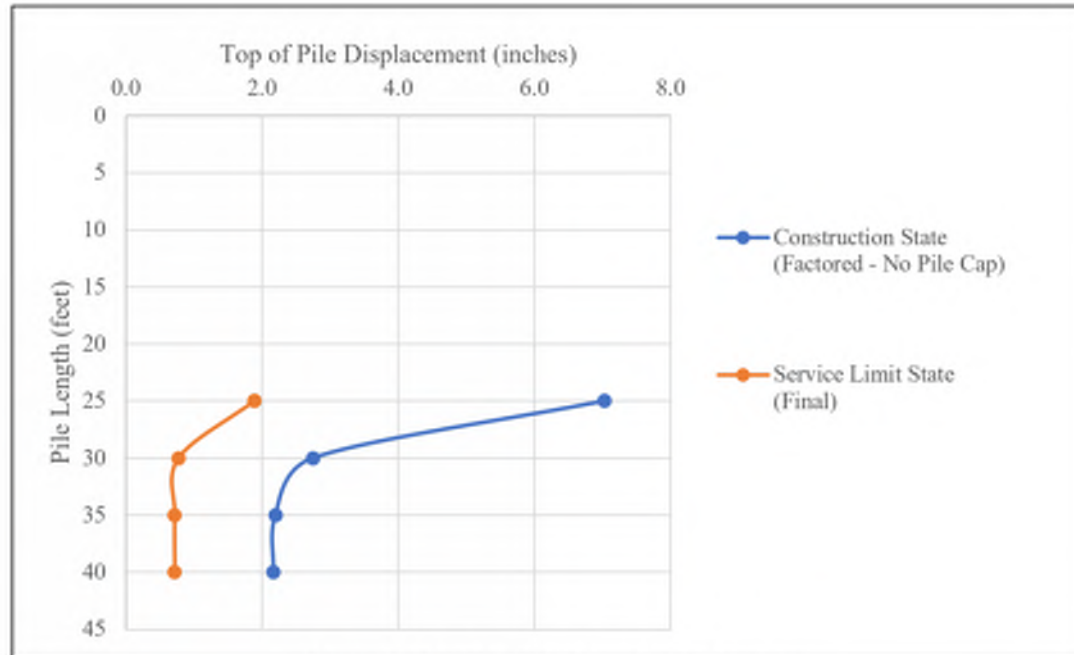


Figure 3 – End Bent Pile Lateral Displacement



# END BENT SYSTEM

- **FRP Materials:**
  - Utilized CFRP/SS strands for prestressed piles
  - Utilized GFRP reinforcement for precast panels
- **Benefits:**
  - No corrosion in extremely aggressive environment
  - Easier handling during precast construction
- **Challenges:**
  - Contractor had to handle top hooked bars with care
  - Procurement time for GFRP bars are longer





# END BENT SYSTEM

- **Unique Items:**
  - Similar bridge one-mile north of North Creek replaced last year with conventional materials
  - Will compare performance of FRP versus conventional materials
  - FRP test panels were provided with additional GFRP reinforcing
  - Utilized carbon black steel on bent caps for constructability and field adjustability



# SUPERSTRUCTURE

- CIP Concrete Flat Slab Superstructure
- Utilized GFRP Bars
- Design was completed using AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Guide Specifications for GFRP Reinforced Concrete Bridge Decks and Traffic Railings, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition





# SUPERSTRUCTURE

- Effect of incorporating newer design criteria

GFRP Design Value (1 <sup>st</sup> Edition)	GFRP Design Value (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition)
Moment Flexural Resistance = 148 kip-ft (201 kN-m)	Moment Flexural Resistance = 172 kip-ft (233 kN-m)
Fatigue Limit Maximum Stress = 11.9 ksi (82 MPa)	Fatigue Limit Maximum Stress = 14.9 ksi (103 MPa)
Positive Sustained Tensile Stress in GFRP = 13.5 ksi (93 MPa)	Positive Sustained Tensile Stress in GFRP = 6.9 ksi (48 MPa)
Negative Sustained Tensile Stress in GFRP = 12.9 ksi (89 MPa)	Negative Sustained Tensile Stress in GFRP = 7.66 ksi (53 MPa)

# SUPERSTRUCTURE

- Summary of changes from 1<sup>st</sup> edition and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of AASHTO

Design Factor	AASHTO (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition)	AASHTO (1 <sup>st</sup> Edition)	ACI 440.1R-15	CSA (2014)	Critical Design Parameter Description
$f_{fu}^*$	99.9	99.9	99.9	95.0	Strength percentile
$\Phi_C$	0.75	0.65	0.65	0.75	Resistance factor concrete failure
$\Phi_T$	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	Resistance factor FRP failure
$\Phi_S$	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	Resistance factor shear failure
$C_E$	0.70	0.70	0.70	1.0	Environmental reduction
$C_C$	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.25*	Creep rupture reduction (* $C_E$ not applied)
$C_f$	0.25	0.20	0.20	0.25*	Fatigue reduction (* $C_E$ not applied)
$C_b$	0.83	0.70	0.70	1.0	Bond reduction
$w$	0.028 (0.7)	0.02 (0.5)	0.028 - 0.020 (0.7 - 0.5)	0.02 (0.5)	Crack width limit inch (mm)
$c_{c, stirrup}$	1.5 (40)	1.5 (40)	2.0 (50)	1.5 (40)	Clear cover inch (mm)
$c_{c, slab}$	1.0 (25)	0.79 (20) – 2.0 (50)	0.79 (20) – 2.0 (50)	1.5 (40)	Clear cover inch (mm)

# BENEFITS OF FRP

- **Addresses corrosion within the splash zone area**
- **Reduced concrete cover on GFRP reinforced components**
- **Easier handling and placement of FRP components**
- **Reduction in long-term maintenance costs**
- **Provides FDOT opportunity for material performance comparison**

# COST COMPARISON

- Costs of FRP and Carbon Steel Soldier Pile End Bent Systems

North Creek (FRP):	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Concrete Class IV, Bulkhead (no C.I.)	47.9	CY	\$ 1,067.20	
With GFRP Bars, #6	(36.6)	(m <sup>3</sup> )	(\$1,395.03)	\$ 51,118.90
24" CFRP SPC Piles (no HRP)	1386	LF	\$ 150.00	
	(422.7)	(m)	(\$ 491.80)	\$207,900.00
<b>TOTAL BULKHEAD COST =</b>				<b>\$259,018.90</b>
Catfish Creek (Black Carbon Steel):	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Concrete Class IV, Bulkhead (with C.I.)	51.68	CY	\$ 1,131.53 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 58,477.41
With #7 Reinforcing Steel	(39.51)	(m <sup>3</sup> )	(\$ 1,479.12) <sup>(1)</sup>	
24" SPC Piles (with HRP)	1157.2	LF	\$ 106.00 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$122,663.20
	(352.9)	(m)	(\$ 347.54 <sup>(2)</sup> )	
<b>TOTAL BULKHEAD COST =</b>				<b>\$181,140.61</b>

Highly Reactive Pozzolan (HRP), Corrosion Inhibitor (CI)



# COST COMPARISON

- Costs of FRP and Carbon Steel CIP Flat Slab Superstructure

North Creek (FRP):	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Concrete Class IV, Bridge Superstructure (no C.I.)	157.2	CY	\$ 1,836.40	\$ 288,682.75
With GFRP Bars, #4, #8, #10	(120.3)	(m <sup>3</sup> )	(\$2,400.53)	
Catfish Creek (Black Carbon Steel):	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Concrete Class IV, Bridge Superstructure (with C.I.) <sup>(1)</sup>	51.68	CY	\$ 1,552.75 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 131,129.85
With #4, #5, #8 Reinforcing Steel	(39.51)	(m <sup>3</sup> )	(\$ 1,479.12) <sup>(1)</sup>	

- Bridge total length and span arrangement varied:
  - North Creek = 58-ft total, 35-ft Span 1 and 23-ft Span 2
  - Catfish Creek = 40-ft total, 20-ft equal spans

# COST COMPARISON

- **Cost Comparison Conclusions:**

- Bridge with FRP has higher initial costs
- 100-year service life for FRP reinforced structure versus 75-year service life for carbon steel reinforced structure
- Payback period = 20 years
- Including maintenance costs, LCC savings can be up to 50% for FRP reinforced structures



## CONCLUSIONS (BENEFITS):

- **FRP eliminates any corrosion concern particularly for elements within the splash zone**
  - Benefits in urban environments with a tight R/W
- **Ease of handling of GFRP reinforcement during construction**
- **Longer service life for FRP reinforced structure**
- **Use of soldier-pile wall end bent system with FRP materials provides highly durable bridge wall system in extremely aggressive environments**
- **Further refinements of design codes for FRP will bring further substantial cost savings**

# CONCLUSIONS (CHALLENGES):

- Procurement of FRP materials was longer compared to traditional materials
- Handling of precast panels with exposed hooked FRP bars required careful handling
- Sand coating on GFRP reinforcement had challenges in handling for field crew
  - Consideration for use of larger spacing between GFRP
- Unforeseen existing bridge foundation locations
  - No as-built plans available for existing bridge



QUESTIONS?



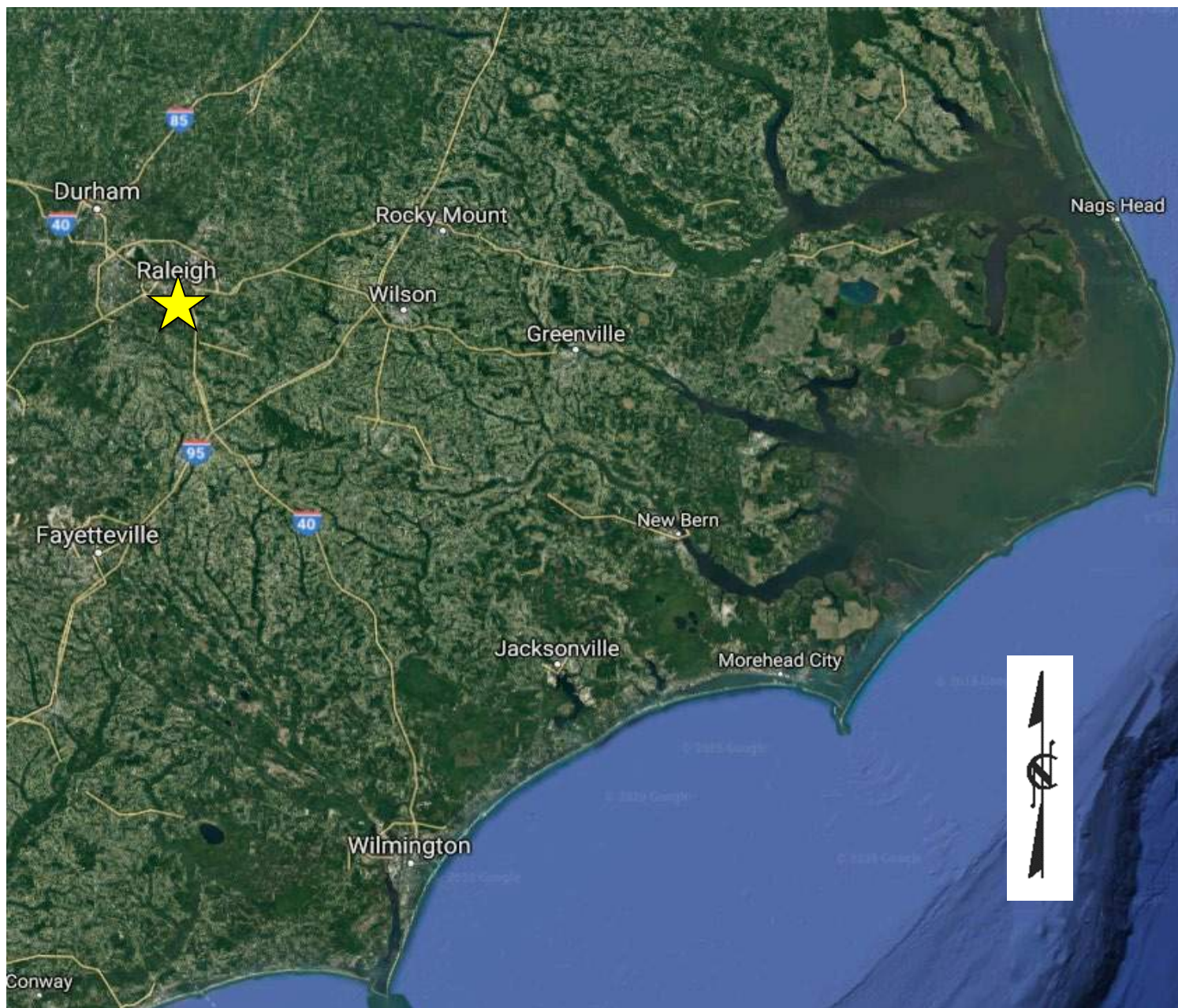
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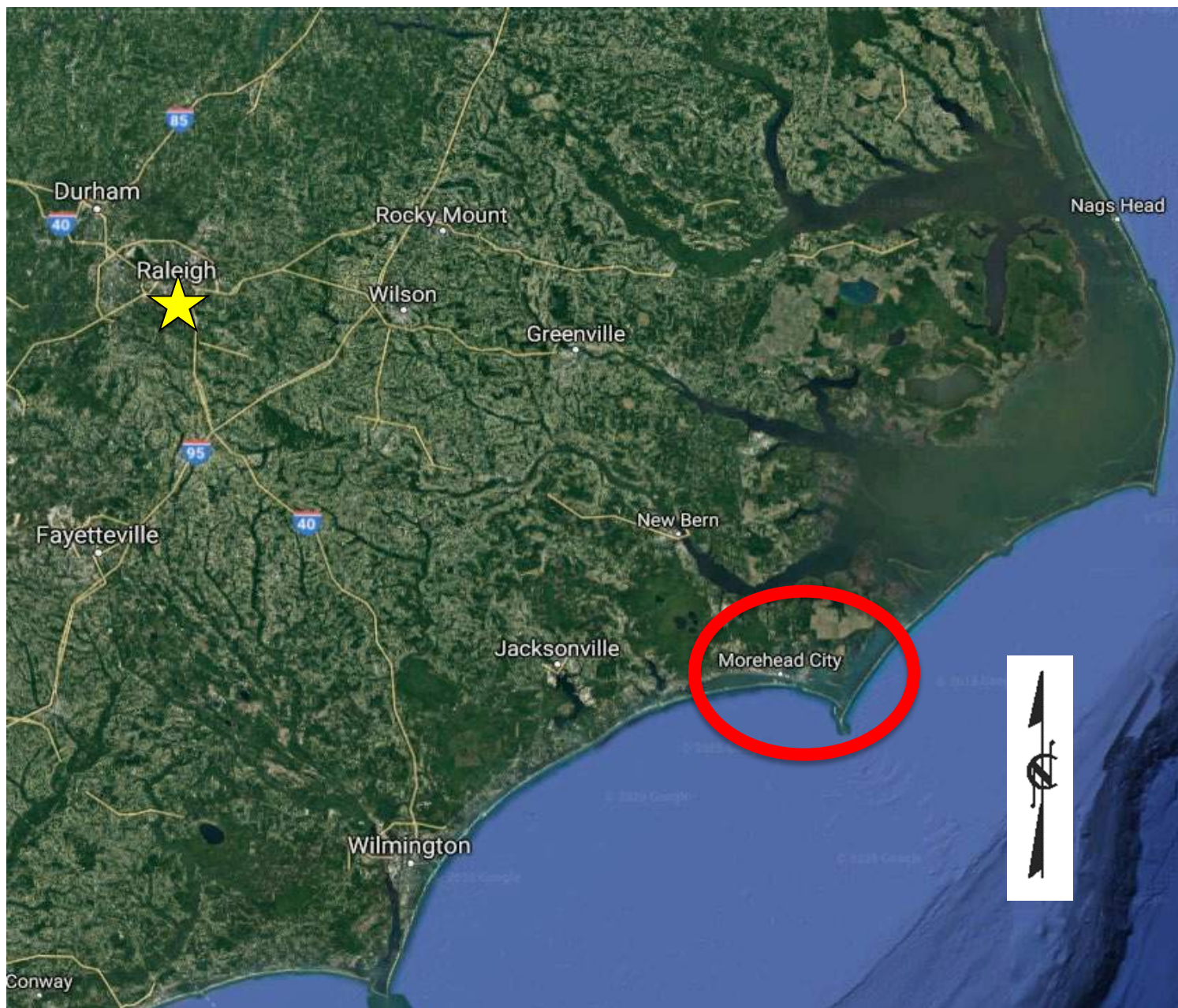
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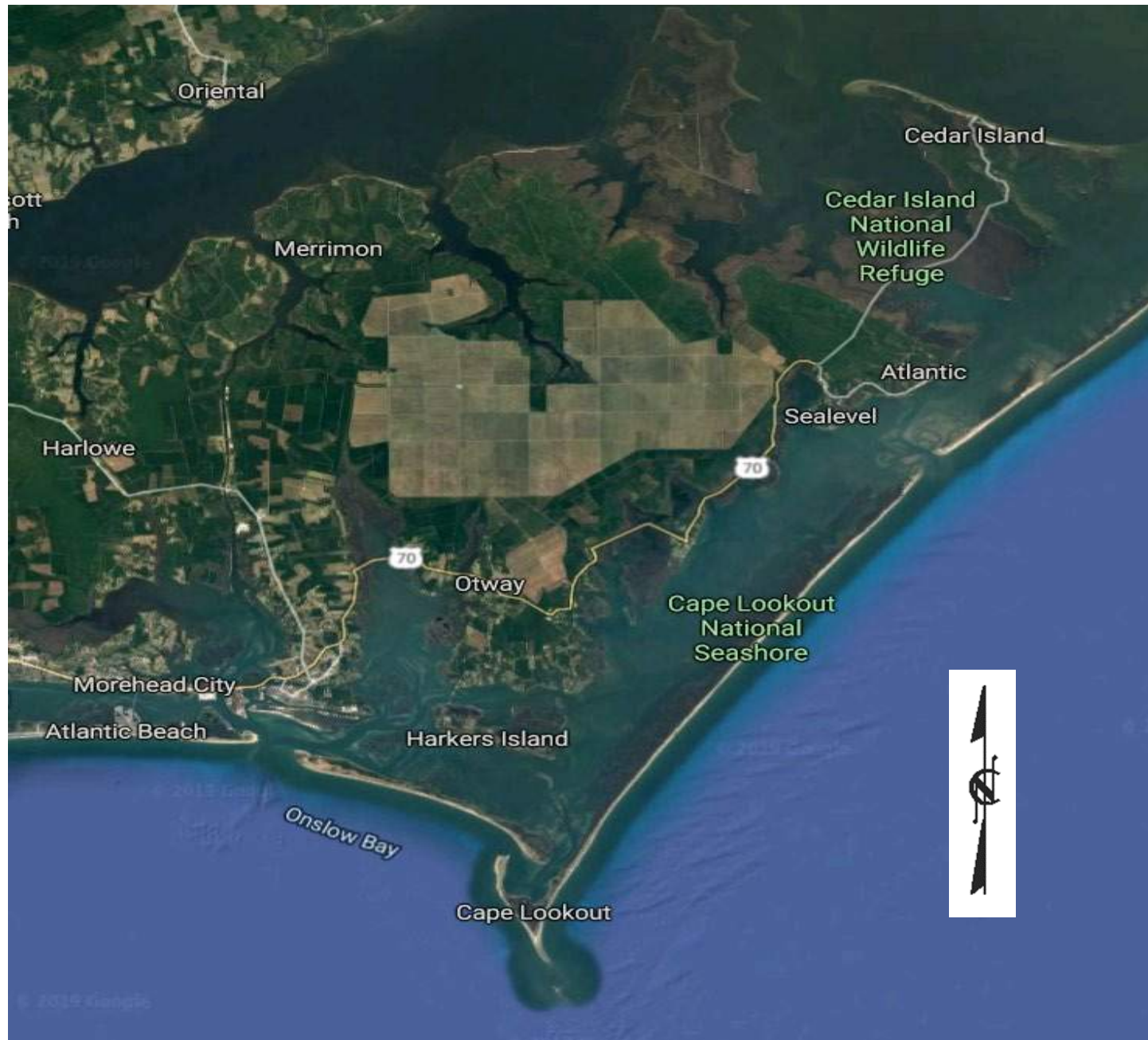
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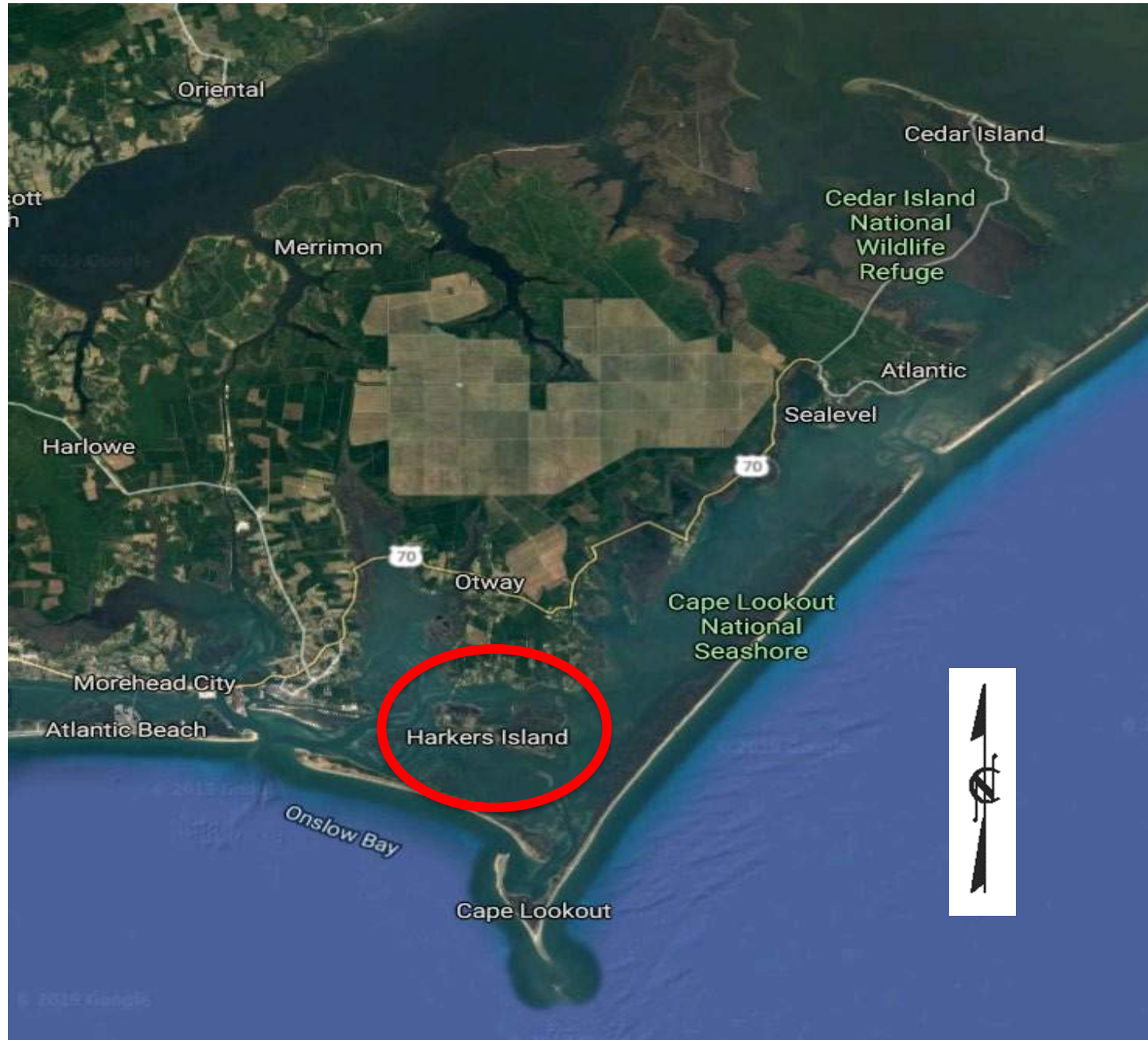














# Harkers Island, NC



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## Bridge No. 96

- Built 1970
- Superstructure Replacement 2013
- Functionally Obsolete





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## Bridge No. 73

- Built 1969
- Posted SV 24, TTST 37
- Structurally Deficient



## Leadup to Harkers Island

- 2005 – Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) Bridge Deck
- 2014 – NCSU Research Project 2014-09: *CFRP Strands in Prestressed Cored Slab Units*
- 2017 – Transportation Pooled Fund Research Project – 5(363): *Evaluation of 0.7 inch Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer Pretensioning Strands in Prestressed Beams*





## Significance of the Harkers Island Bridge Replacement Project

Project Utilizing Innovative Technology:

- Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) Strands
- Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) Bars





## Significance of the Harkers Island Bridge Replacement Project

### Advantages of FRP Strands & Bars:

- Superior Corrosion Resistance
- High Tensile Strength
- Lightweight





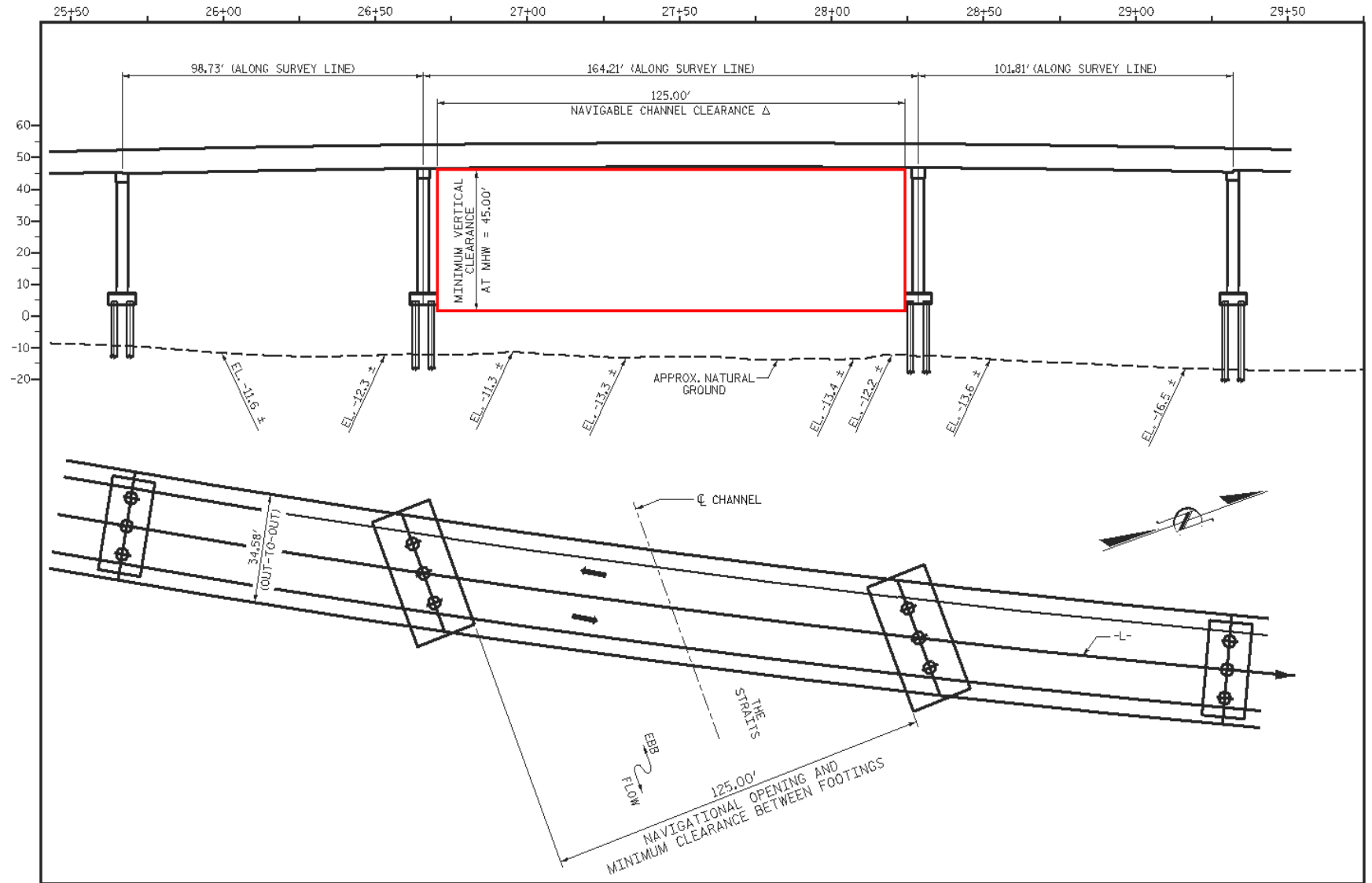




Proposed Structure: 3,200'-0"  
28 Spans

## Navigational Channel

- 45' Min. Vertical Clearance
- 125' Min. Horizontal Clearance
- Vessel Impact





## Harkers Island Bridge Project Details

- Cast-in-place Concrete (Superstructure\* & Substructure)
  - Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) Bars



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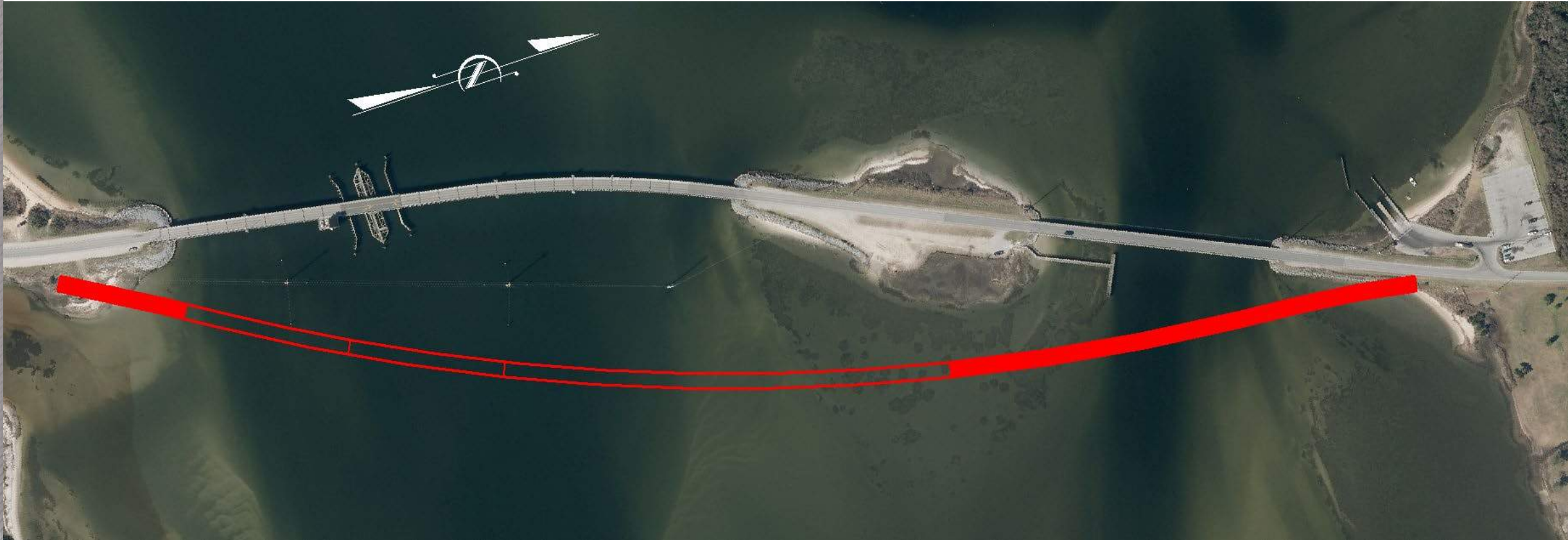
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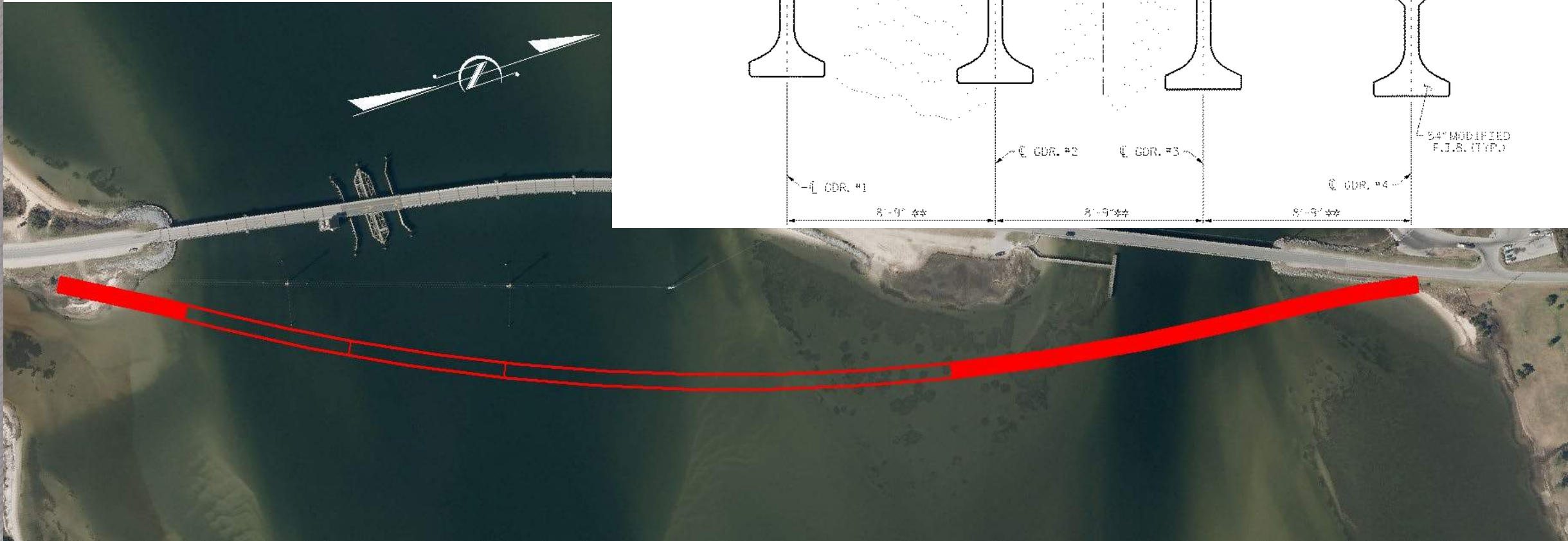
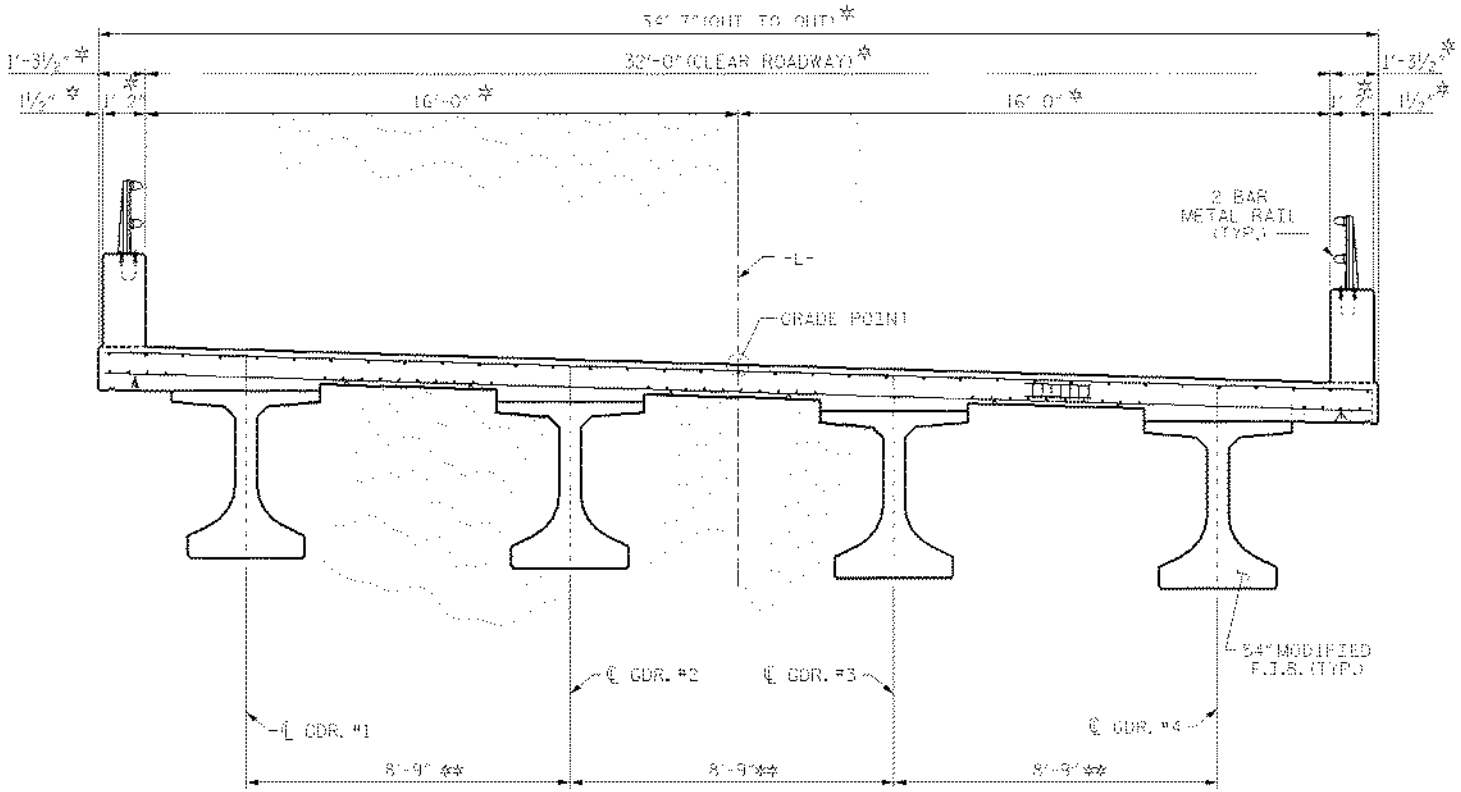
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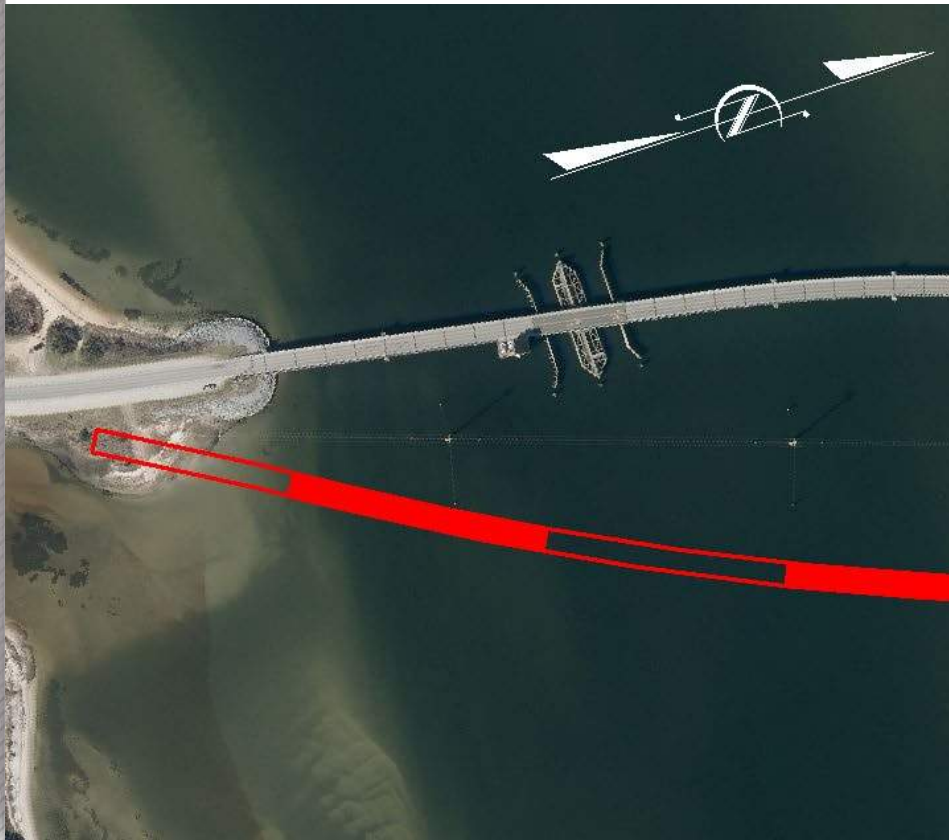
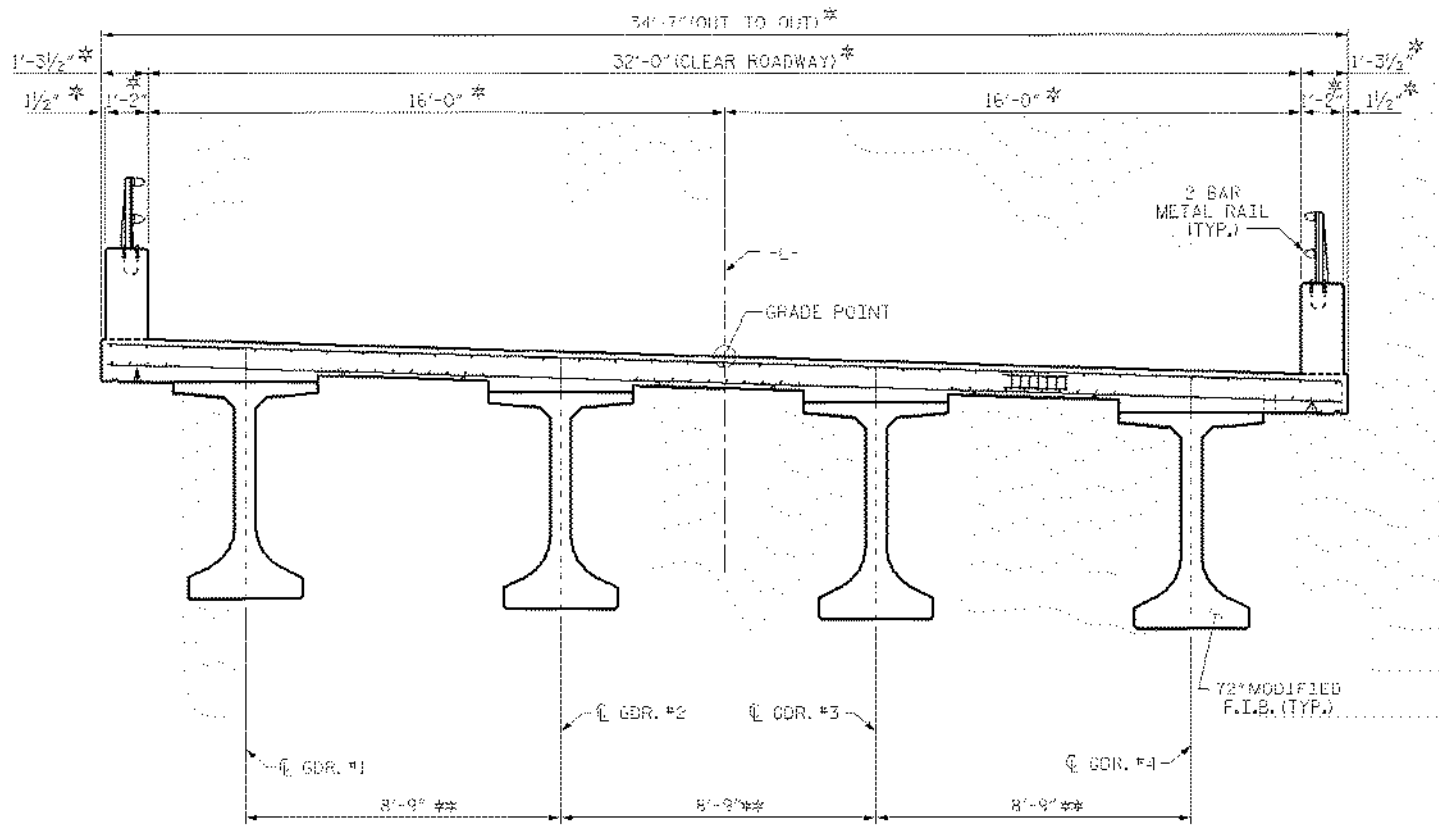
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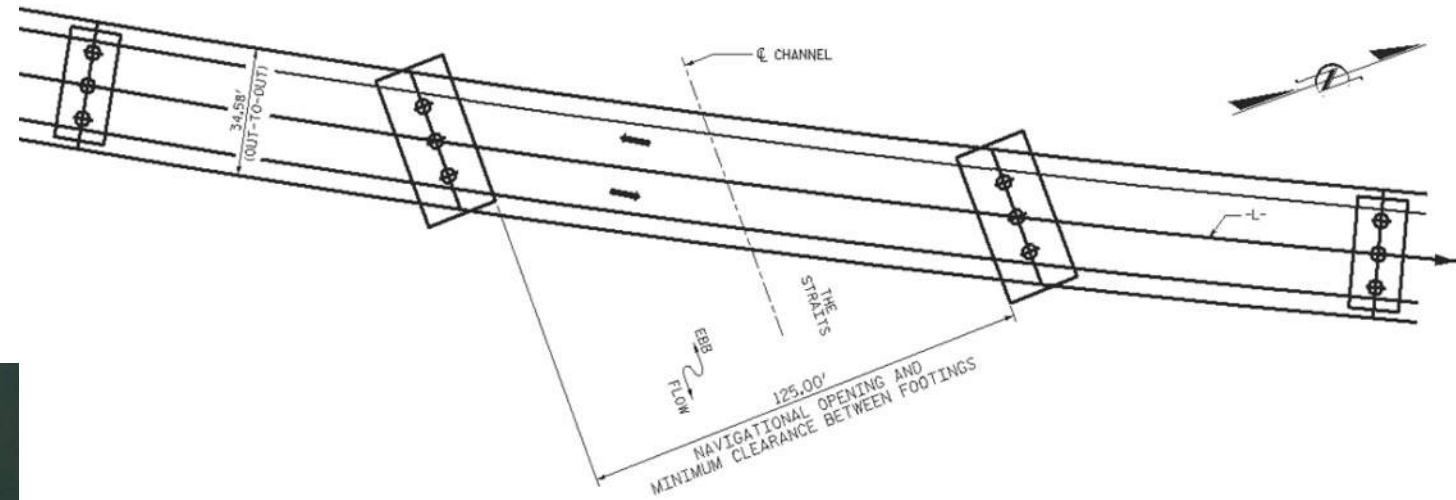
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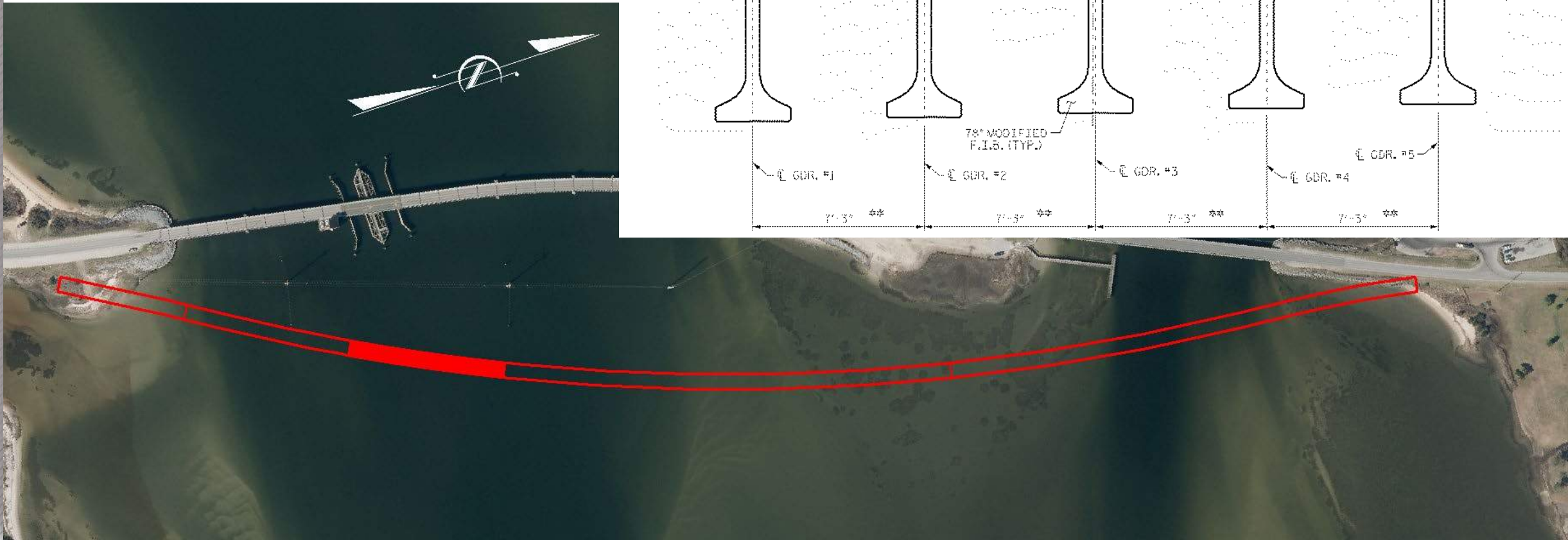
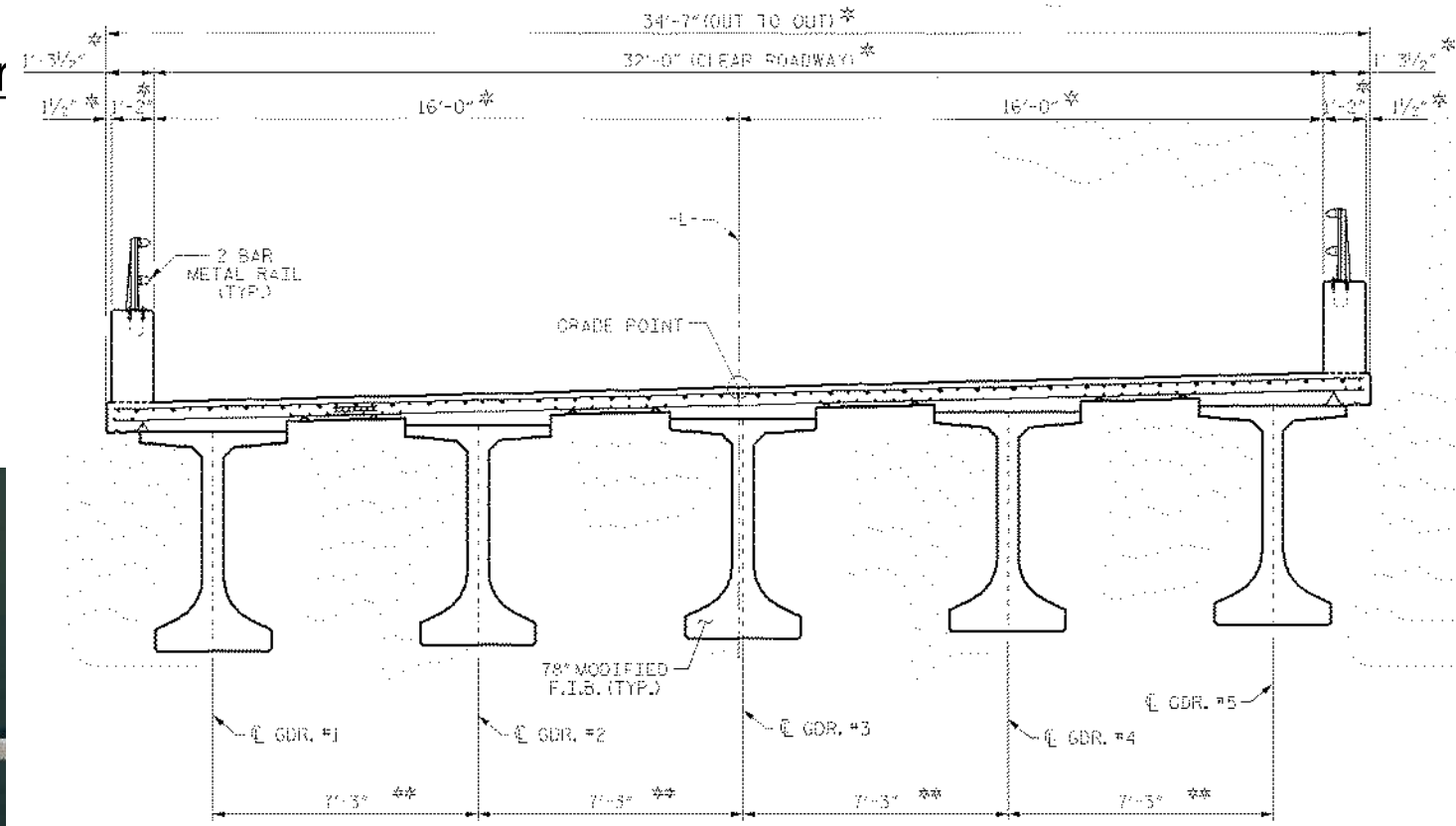
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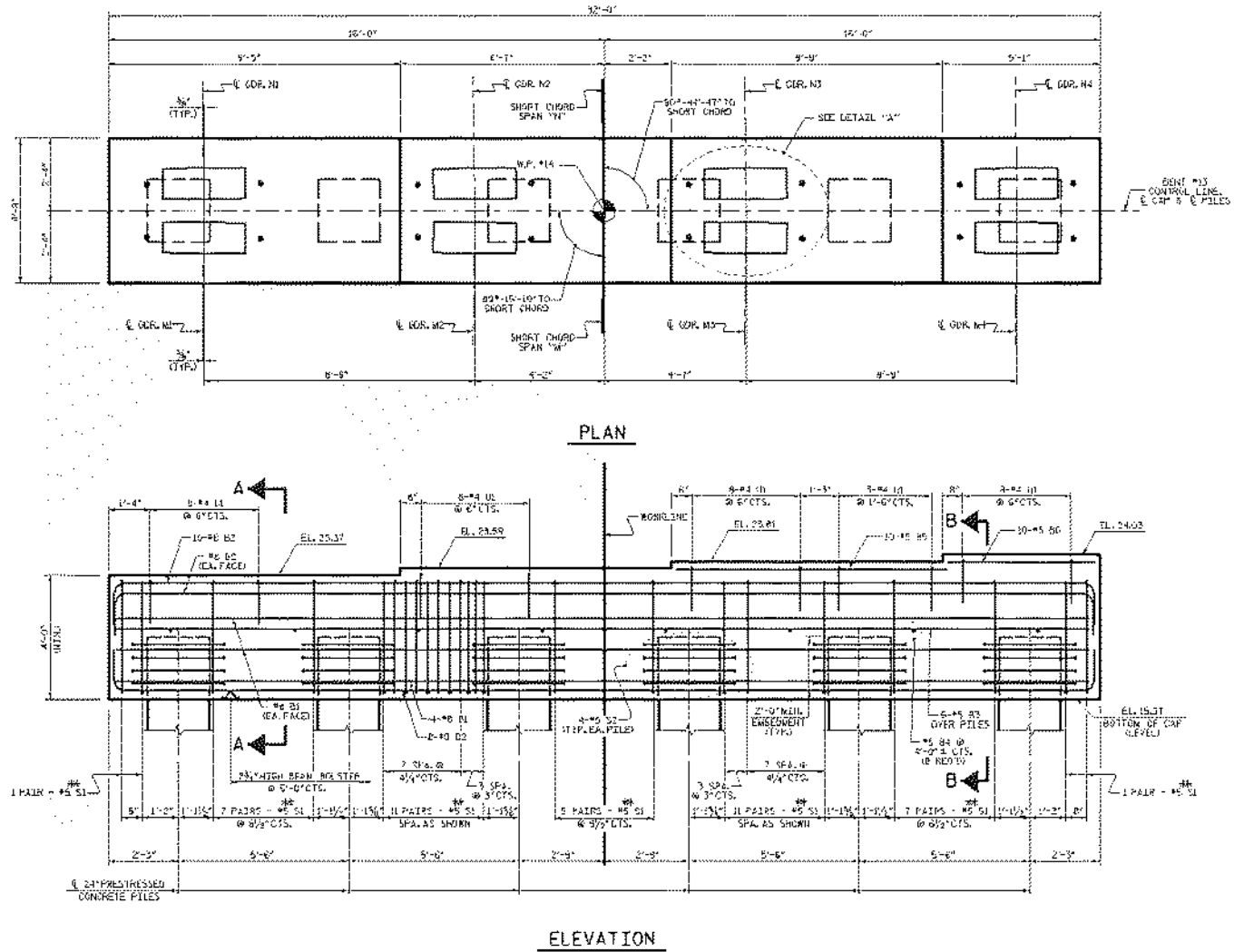
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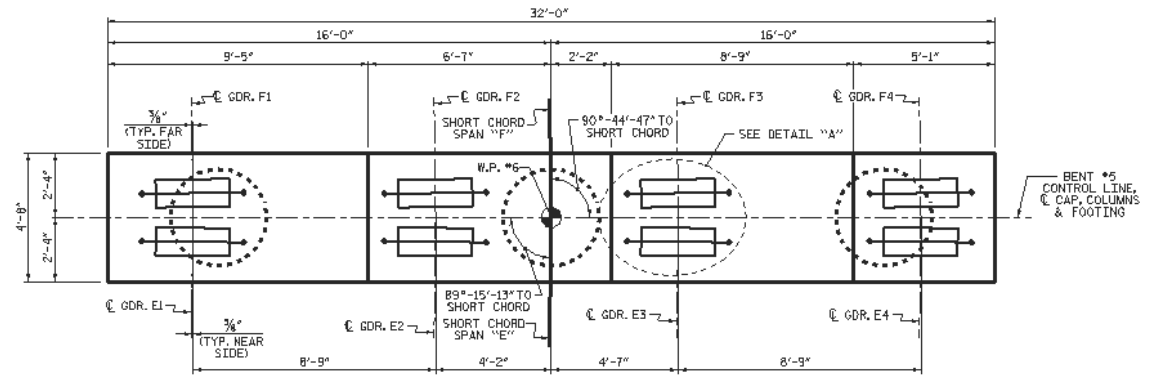
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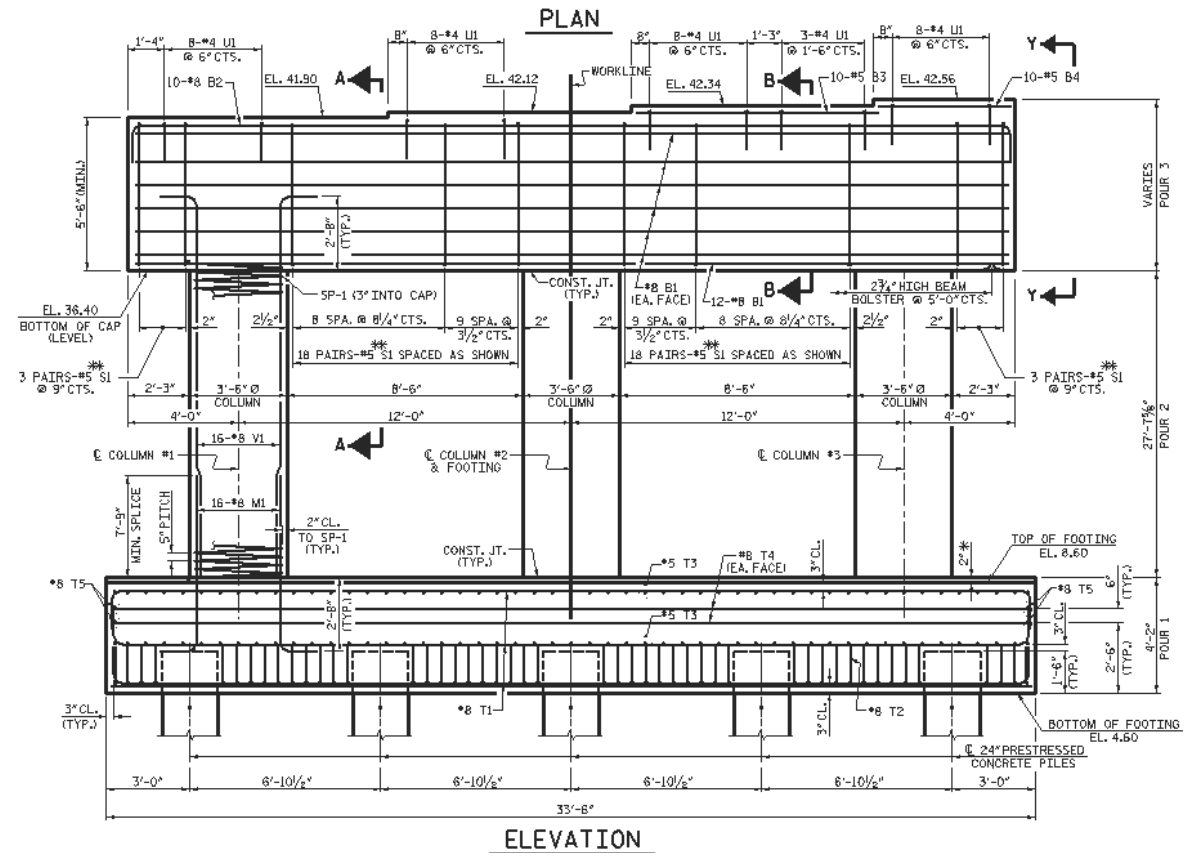
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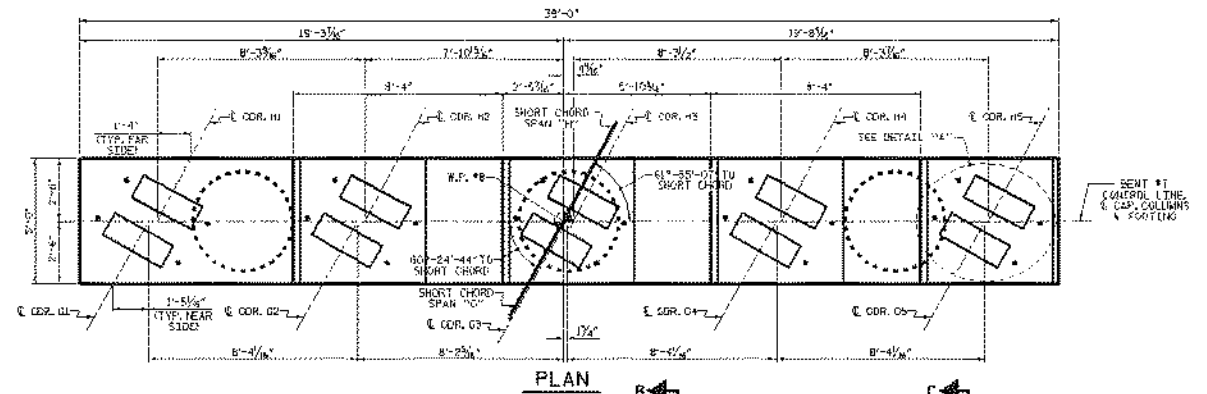
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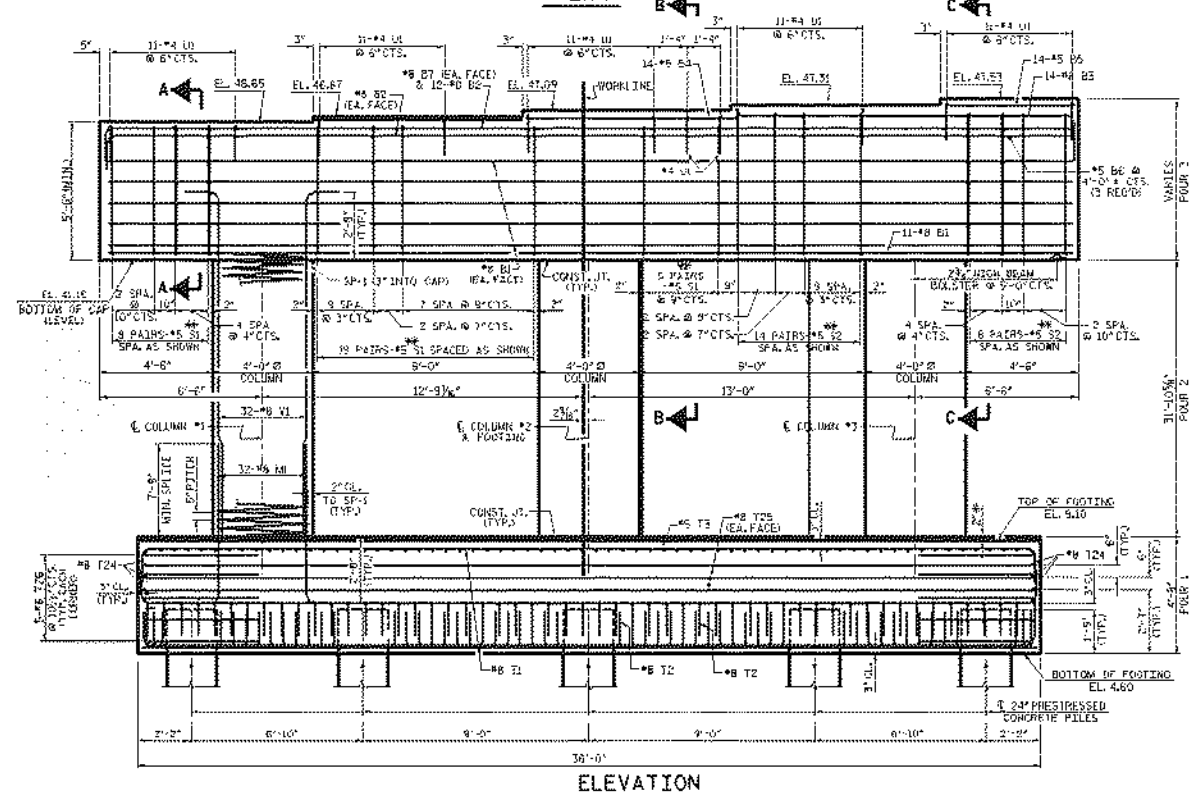
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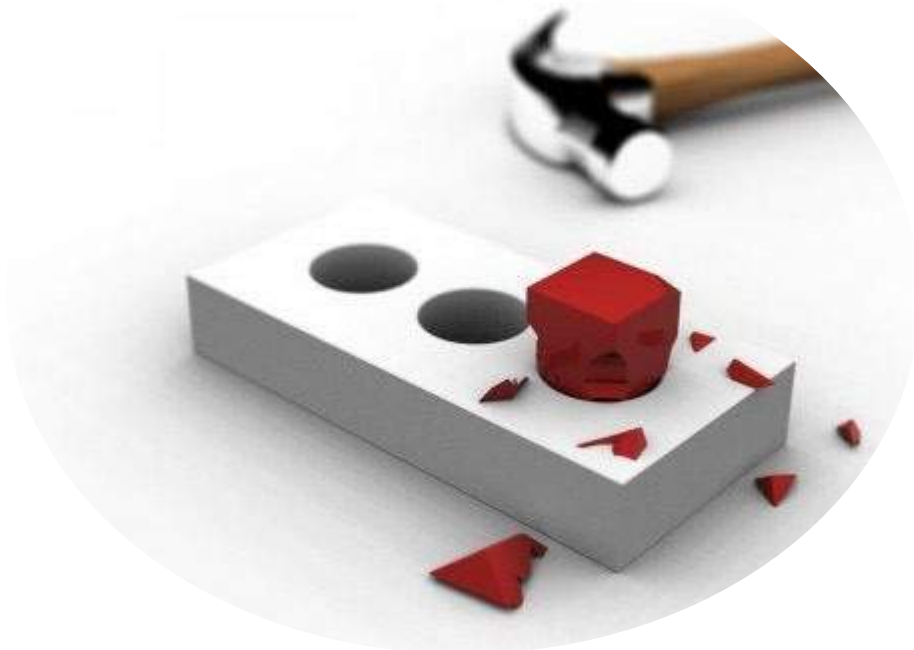


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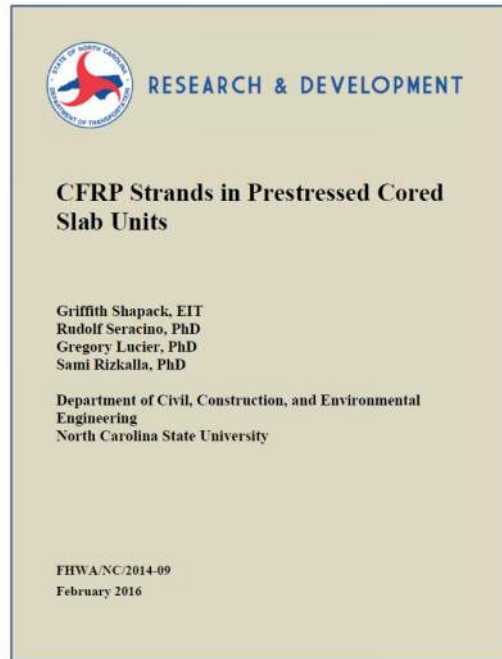
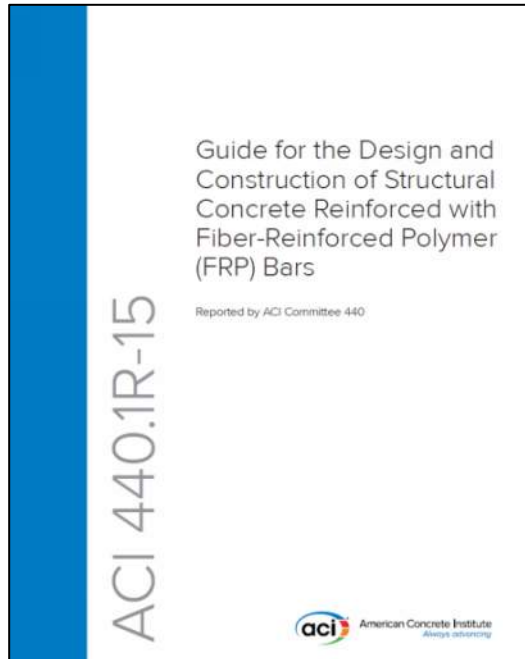
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2. Material Considerations
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  - Detailing



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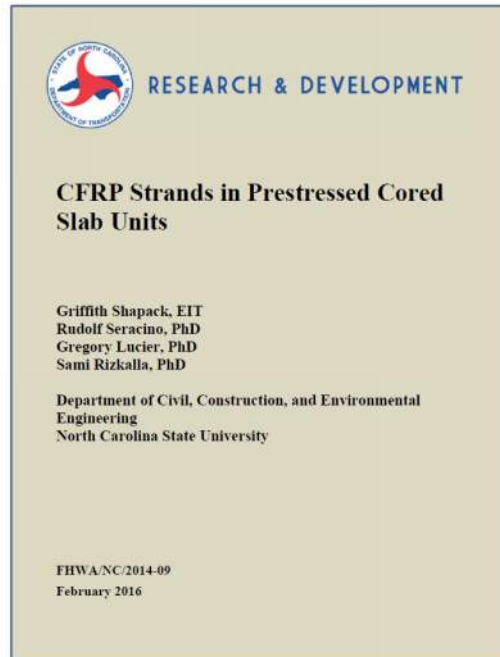
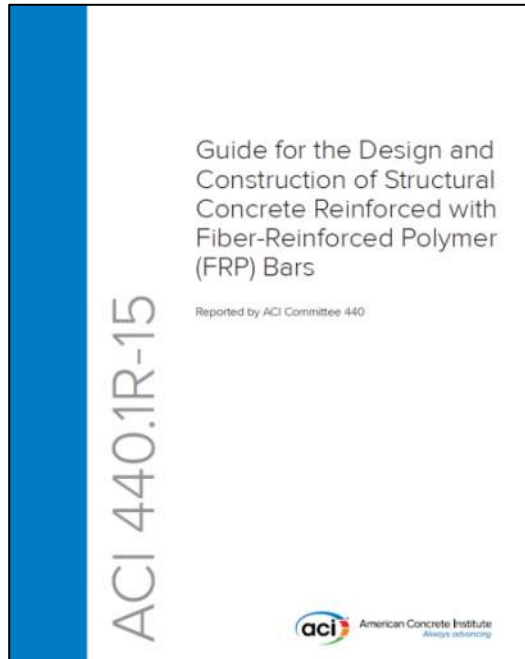
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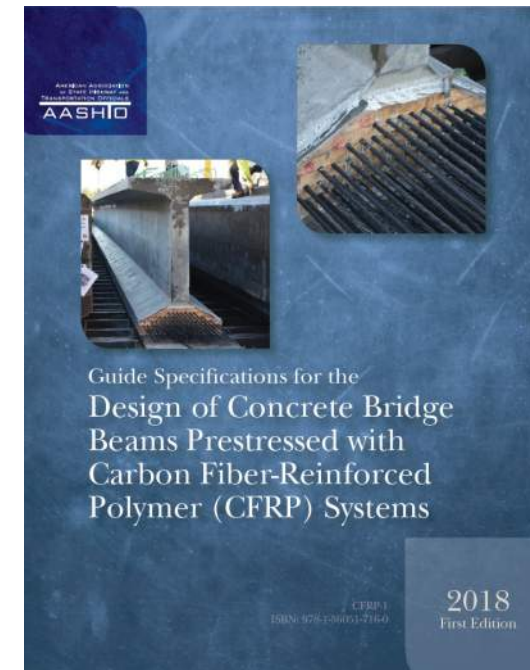
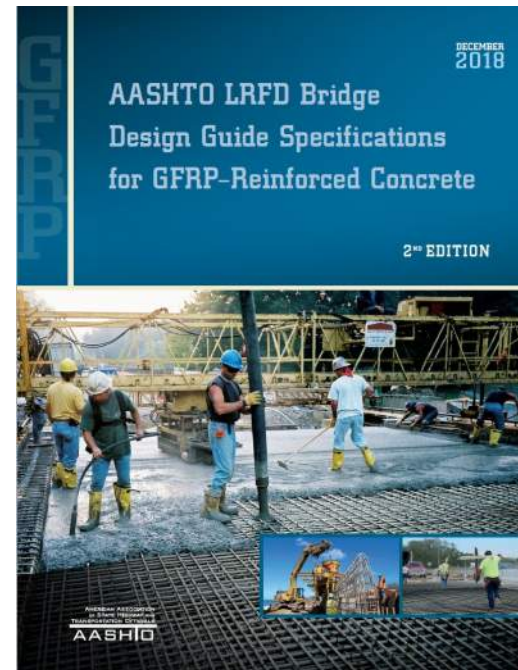
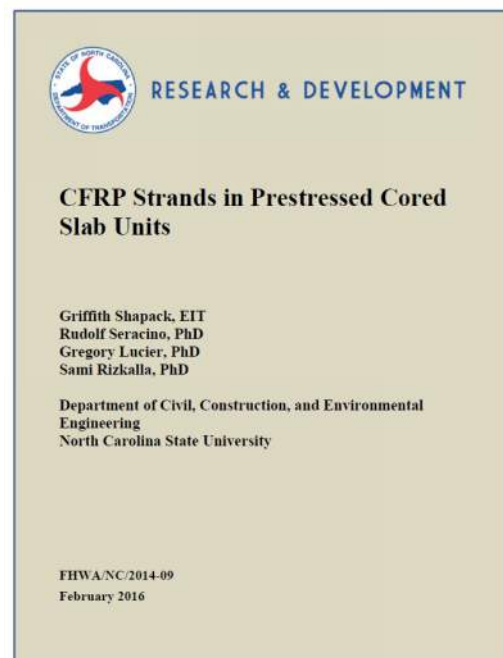
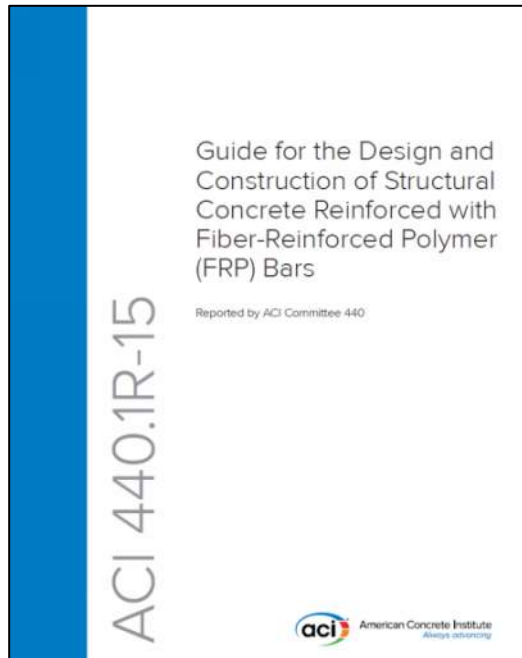
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## Material Considerations

- Direct Substitution between FRP and Steel Strand/Reinforcement is not possible
- Modulus of Elasticity





# Material Considerations

## CFRP Strands vs. Steel Strands

	<b>Steel Strands</b>	<b>CFRP Strands</b>
Diameter (in.)	0.6	0.6
Cross Section Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	0.217	0.179
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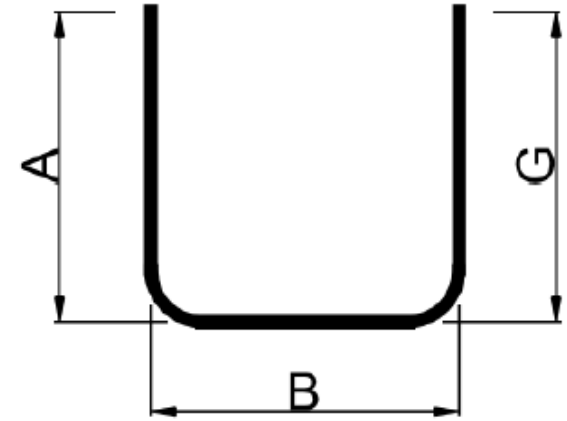
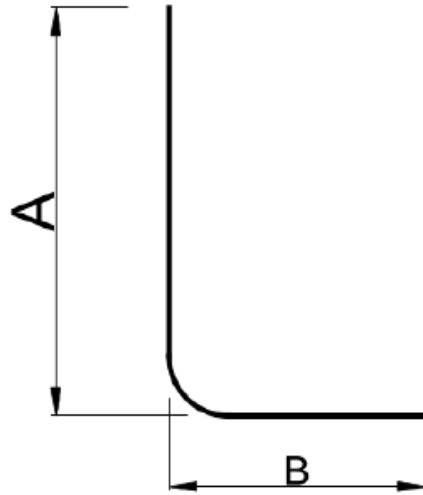
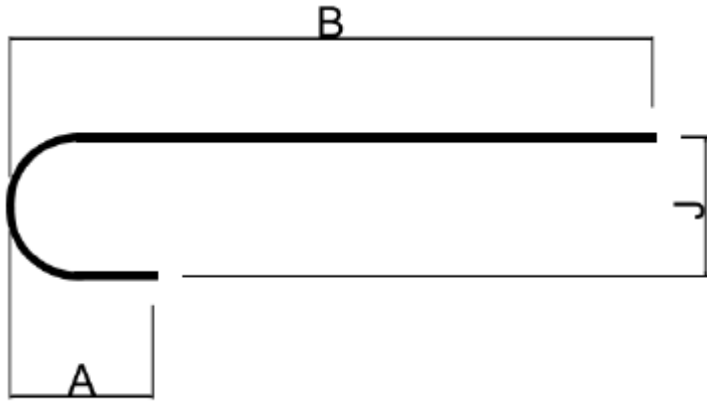
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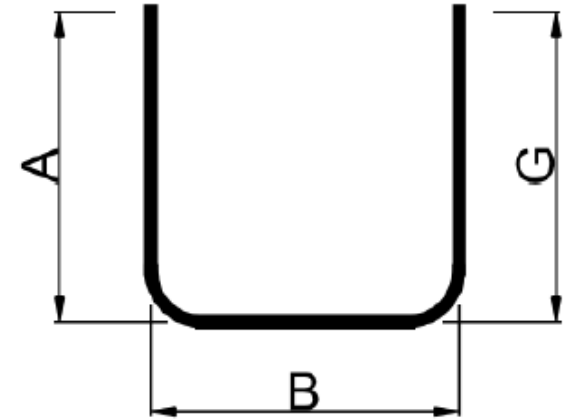
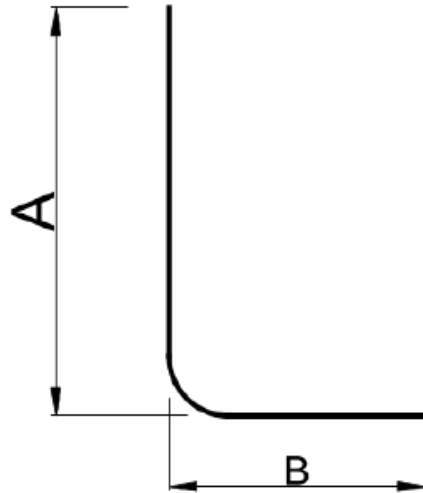
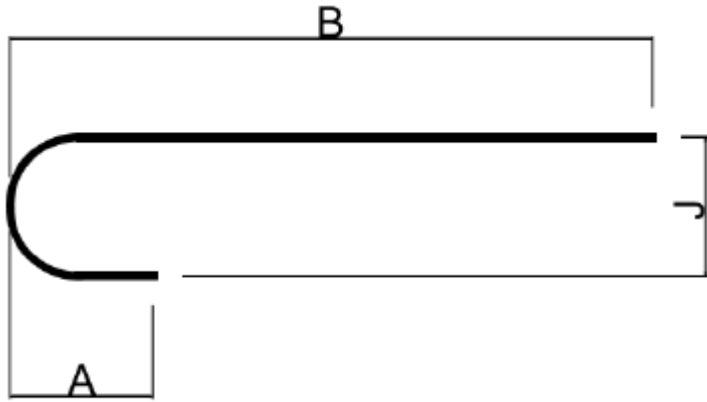
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# Material Considerations

Bar Detailing:



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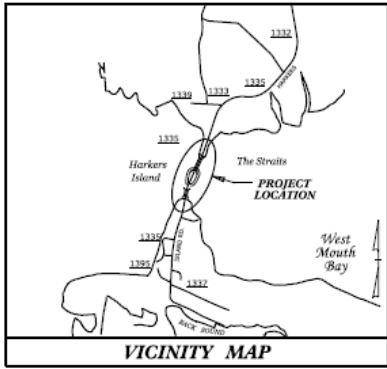
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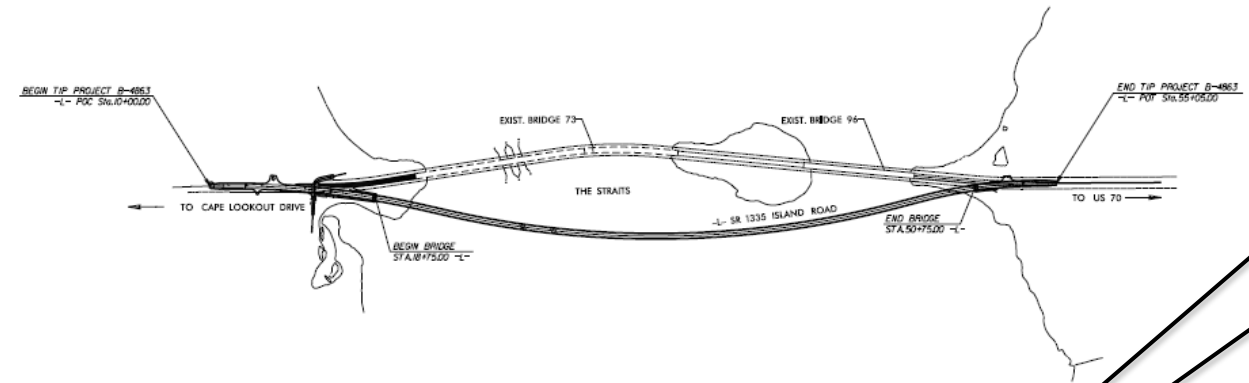
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VICINITY MAP



**STRUCTURES**



**DESIGN DATA**

ADT 2019 = 3,300  
ADT 2040 = 4,200  
K = 10 %  
D = 60 %  
T = 4 % \*  
V = 50 MPH  
\*(TTS=2% + DUAL=2%)  
FUNC CLASS = MAJOR  
COLLECTOR  
REGIONAL TIER

**PROJECT LENGTH**

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LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT B-4863 = 0.606 MILE  
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT B-4863 = 0.853 MILE

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# US-1 OVER COW KEY CHANNEL SPAN REPLACEMENTS WITH CFRP/ GFRP-PC FLORIDA SLAB-BEAMS

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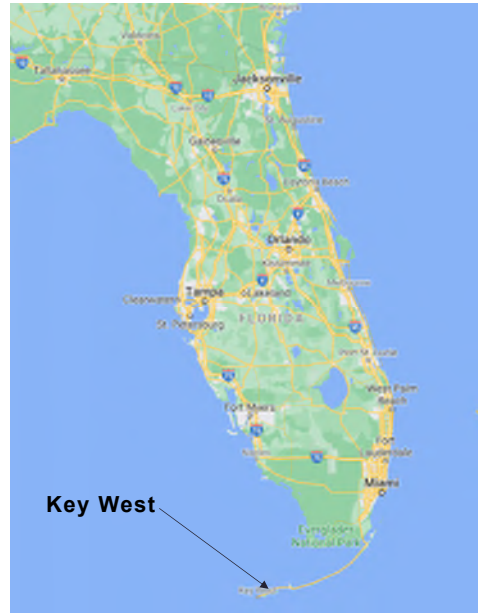
## US-1 Over Cow Key Channel Span Replacements with CFRP/GFRP-PC Florida Slab-Beams

- Project Overview
- Deterioration of Superstructure
- Replacement Alternatives
- Project Design
- Construction Activities



Outline





## Project Overview

### Project Location

- US-1 over Cow Key Channel Bridges located in Florida Keys
- There are 43 Islands connected by bridges



### US-1 / SR-5 over Cow Key Channel



## Project Overview

### Project Location

- US-1 over Cow Key Channel Bridges (NB-900086 & SB-900125) located in Florida Keys
- Bridge within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
- Evacuation route during Hurricane season
- Bridge type: Nine-span Sonovoid superstructure on pile bents, built between 1978 & 1985
- Aggressive Environment





## Project Overview

### Scope Elements

#### Scope Elements

- Project Management
- Structures
- Load rating evaluation
- Roadway
- S&PM
- Temporary signalization
- Traffic Analysis
- Survey
- Utility coordination
- Public Involvement
- Post design services



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## Project Overview

### Project Team

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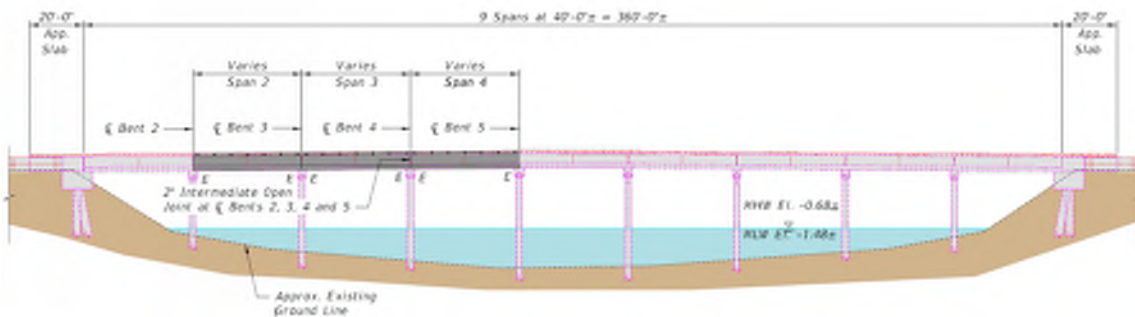
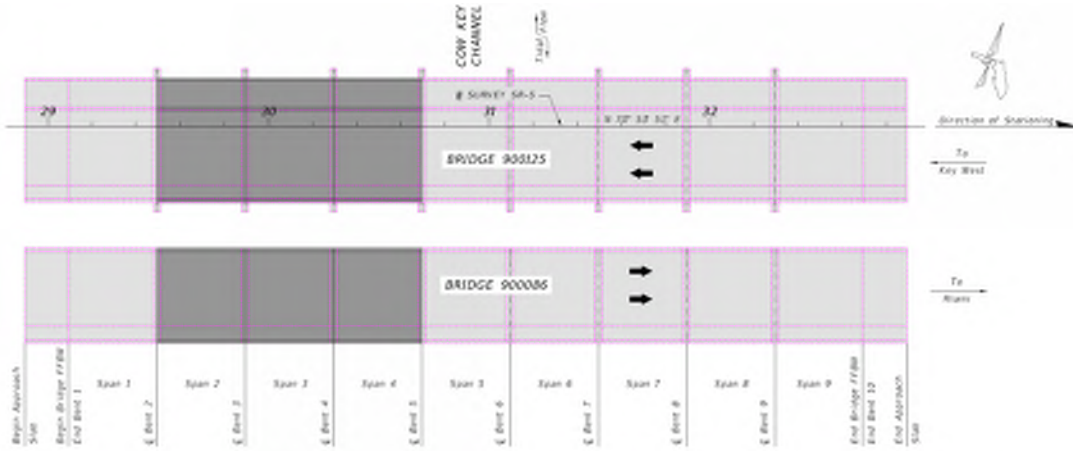
- Bolton Perez & Associates
- Florida Department of Transportation – District 6
  - Bridge Maintenance
  - Central Office
- City of Key West
- Monroe County
- WSP – Construction Engineers and Inspection
- Construction
  - Kiewit Infrastructure
  - Gate Precast Company (T. Newton)
    - Forms: Hamilton Form Companies
    - GFRP Rebar: Pultrall (VROD)
    - CFRP Rebar: Tokyo Rope Mfg. Co.

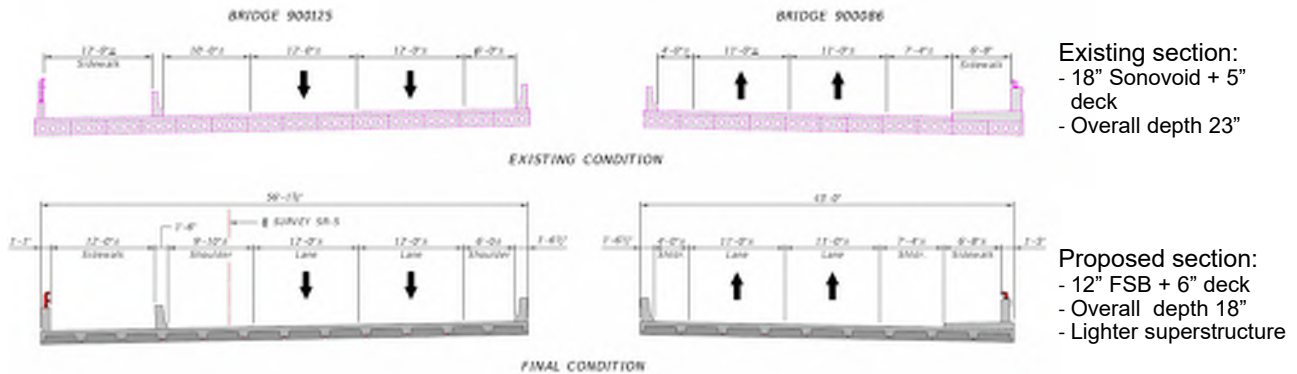


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## Deterioration of Superstructure

### Deterioration

- Panels within splash zone exposed to stream of water from motorized recreational water-vehicles
- Underside of Sonovoid panels in Spans 3 and 4 experienced severe damage due reinforcing steel corrosion
- Deck underside in poor condition with evident concrete spalling and exposed reinforcing
- Load rating factors dropped to 0.68 & 1.25; temporary remediation was implemented by underpinning some panels
- Inspection report of May 2017 & Corrosion report from State Materials Office (SMO) determined the replacement of Spans 3 & 4 of NB & SB bridges
- FDOT SMO produced a second report showing corrosion initiation on Span 2, this span was added to scope



## Deterioration of Superstructure



Exposed reinforcing, spalling, cracking & delamination



Underpinning at midspan

## Replacement Alternatives

### Superstructure Alternatives

- Cast-in-Place (CIP Reinforced Concrete Slab) – rather robust in corrosive environments as the large amount of reinforcing offers ample redundancy
- CIP slabs require extensive false work, significant increase of load on substructure, increase in construction time
- Florida Slab Beam (FSB) – precast prestress panels -- First use on State Road
- Coordinated with CO (Steve Nolan), SMO (Ivan Lasa) and District (Pablo Orozco)
- Use of Innovative Materials: GFRP rebar and CFRP prestress
- First time use of GFRP & CFRP on FSB system, eliminating future corrosion issues
- Added protection penetrant sealer on the underside of the entire deck slab



## Replacement Alternatives

### Benefits of Propose Superstructure

#### Benefit of proposed Superstructure

- **FSB benefits**
  - FSB provides a lighter superstructure reducing demand on substructure
  - FSB allows accelerated construction since forms are not required to pour concrete deck
  - FSB are light members facilitating beam erection
- **GFRP & CFRP benefits**
  - Eliminates the need for additional concrete cover
  - Eliminates concrete additives
  - Eliminates waterproofing sealants for corrosion protection
  - Reduces labor and equipment costs
  - Longer service life
  - Reduces future maintenance costs



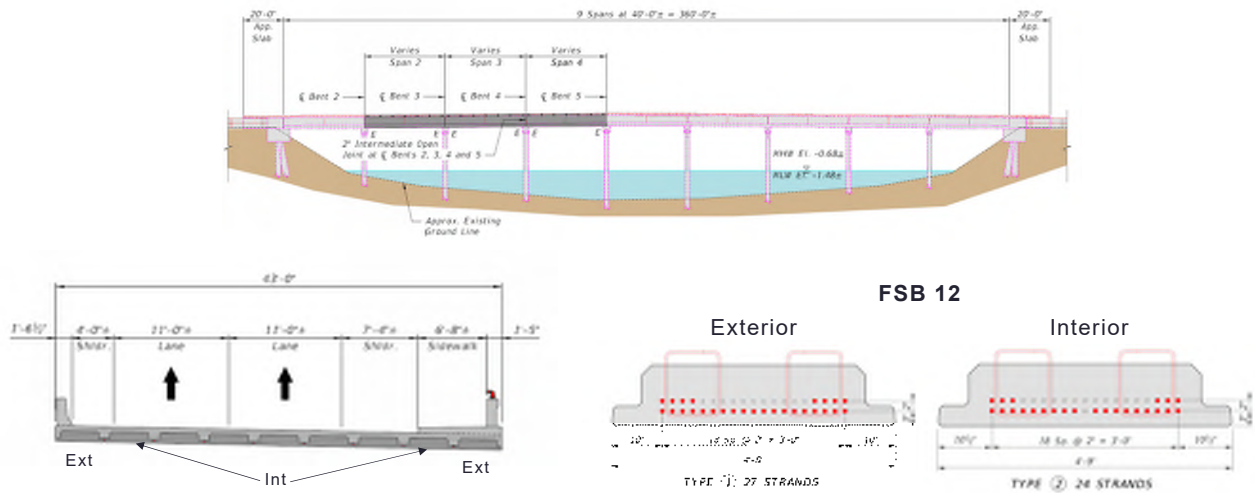
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### Criteria

#### Design Criteria

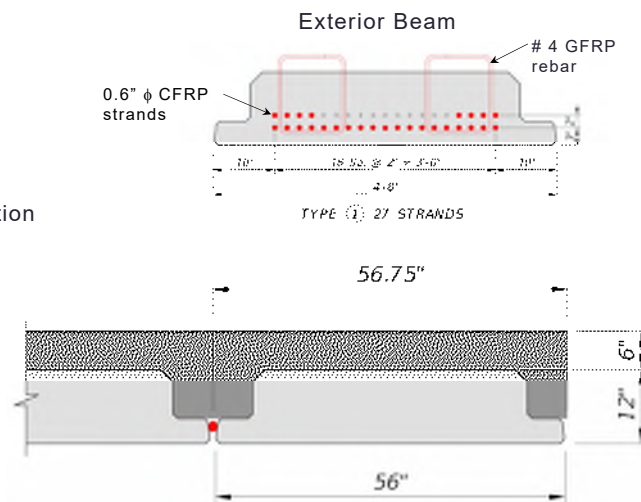
- AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design of Concrete Bridge Design Specifications, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2017
- FDOT Structures Manual 2018
- AASHTO Guide Specification for the Design of Concrete Bridge Beams Prestresses with Carbon Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) Systems, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, 2018
- FDOT Standard Specifications for Road & Bridge Construction, 2019 – Sections 932 & 933
- No impact on existing foundation
- Environmental
  - Stringent turbidity requirements
  - Monitoring on construction activities





### Limit States

- Service
  - At release
  - Service I
    - Top flange of non-composite section
    - Top flange of composite section
  - Service III
    - Bottom flange
- Strength
  - Strength I







**Design truck controlling forces**

**Bending forces - Midspan**

- $M_{DC} = 229.0$  k-ft
- $M_{DW} = 18.8$  k-ft
- $M_{LL+IM} = 258.7$  k-ft

**Design forces - Midspan**

- $M_{Serv I} = 503.1$  k-ft
- $M_{Serv III} = 451.4$  k-ft
- $M_{Str I} = 879.0$  k-ft

**Shear forces – At ends**

- $V_{DC} = 24.2$  k
- $V_{DW} = 1.94$  k
- $V_{LL+IM} = 54.7$  k

**Design forces – At ends**

- $V_{Str I} = 130.3$  k-ft



**Design results**

**Service I - Midspan**

- Top Slab:  $f_{c-slab} = 1.3$  ksi  $< 0.6 f'_c$  Slab
- Top Flange:  $f_{c-FSB} = 2.3$  ksi  $< 0.6 f'_c$

**Service III - Midspan**

- Bottom Flange:  $f_{c-FSB} = -0.12$  ksi  $< 0.095\sqrt{f'_c}$

**Strength I - Midspan**

- Compression controlled,  $\phi = 0.75$
- $\phi M_n = 970.3$  k-ft  $> M_u = 879$  k-ft
- No need to verify min reinforcement

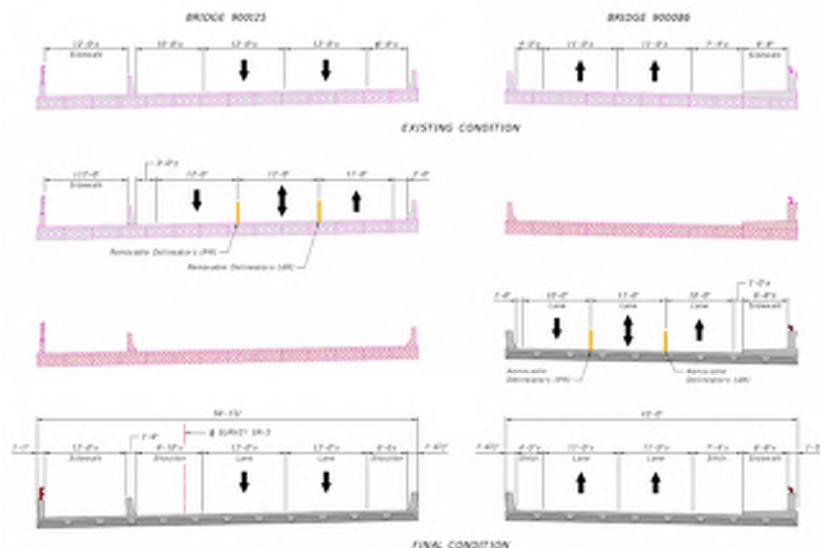
**Shear forces – At ends**

- Straight strands,  $V_p = 0$
- Bonded strands,  $\phi = 0.90$
- Transverse rebar strain limited to 0.004
- Concrete contribution  $\phi V_c = 280.3$  k
- $\phi V_n = 208.3$  k  $> V_u = 130.3$  k
- Since  $V_u > 0.5 \phi V_c$ , provide min reinforcing
- Min reinforcement satisfies interface shear
- Additional longitudinal reinforcement due to vertical shear is not required

### Construction Timeline

- Kiewit Infrastructure South; 6.17 Million (10/31/2019) & 167 days
- Construction started on March 16, 2020
- Reversible lanes were implemented on April 15, 2020 -- Bridge 900086 was closed to traffic
- Traffic shift on Bridge 900125 was at 10 am; relocation of delineators took 20 minutes
- Traffic was shifted to newly built 3-spans of Bridge 900086 on 7/6/2020
- Traffic shift on Bridge 900086 was at 2 pm; relocation of delineators took 20 minutes
- Bridge were open to two lane of traffic on 9/25/2020
- Anticipated completion day 11/12/2020

- Existing bridges have 2 lanes of traffic in each direction
- Carried out a traffic analysis during construction to allow an Innovative MOT scheme:
  - Maintains existing number of lanes in each direction during peak hours
- Reversible lanes during MOT – First Time application using flush-mounted removeable delineators on an arterial facility in the State
- Pedestrian traffic is maintained





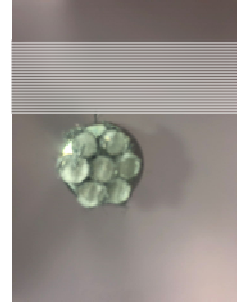
**Rolls of CFRP**



**Mesh & braided grip**



**CFRP: 7 wire 0.6" strand**



**Wedges and couplers of CFRP and Standard prestressing steel**



CFRP strand

CFRP prestress in casting bed



CFRP and Standard prestressing steel couplers layout



Prestressing steel

CFRP strands

CFRP prestressing & GFRP rebar inside form



GFRP Stirrups

CFRP strands



## Construction Activities

Precast Plant

### Cast FSBs



## Construction Activities

Storage at Job Site

### Delivery & Storage at Job Site







## Construction Activities

FSB Erection

Erection of 2<sup>nd</sup> FSB



Erection of 3<sup>rd</sup> FSB



## Construction Activities

Deck Reinforcing Installation

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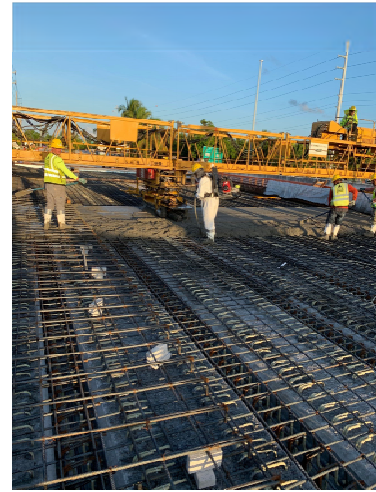






## Construction Activities

Deck Pouring



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## Construction Activities

Reversible Lanes



Innovative MOT Concept in place from 4/15/2020 to 9/25/2020 - ZERO accidents



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## Construction Activities

Reversible Lanes



Bridges 900086 and 900125 open to regular traffic on 9/25/2020

For more information visit <https://www.bpaengineers.com/successful-reversible-mot-at-cow-key/>



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# Thank You



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October 27, 2020



# Field Applications of Non-Conventional Reinforcing and Strengthening Methods for Bridges and Structures, Part 2 of 3

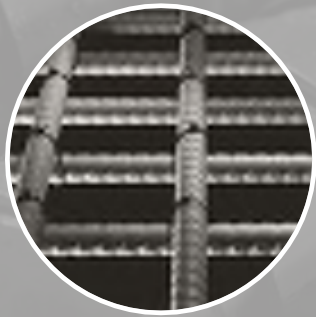
**Moderators: Antonio Nanni & Steven Nolan** - 6 x 16 min. presentations + 3 min. Q&A each.

- 10:05 am      **An Introduction to GFRP Rebar and Recent International Field Applications** - Peter Renshaw (*Pultron Composites*)
- 10:24 am      **Recent Canadian Developments on Non-Conventional Reinforcing for Concrete Structures, Design Codes, and Applications in Buildings and Bridges** - Brahim Benmokrane (*University of Sherbrooke*)
- 10:43 am      **3-Span GFRP-RC Flat-Slab Bridge and Novel Seawall over Ibis Waterway**  
Sybille Bayard (*CONSOR Engineers*)
- 11:02 am      **5,000 ft. GFRP-RC Seawall Protects Highway A1A along Flagler Beach**  
Christian Steputat (*University of Miami*)
- 11:21 am      **Next Generation GFRP Bar Properties and Bridge Implementation Economics** - Doug Gremel (*Owens Corning Infrastructure Solutions*)
- 11:40 am      **6-Span CFRP-PC/GFRP-RC Bridge over Placido Bayou**  
Chris Gamache (CARDNO)

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## **Introduction to GFRP Rebar & Recent Field Applications**

**Pete Renshaw  
Pultron Composites Ltd  
Mateenbar Ltd**





The use of Steel Rebar has a long history

It is the standard method of reinforcing concrete structures

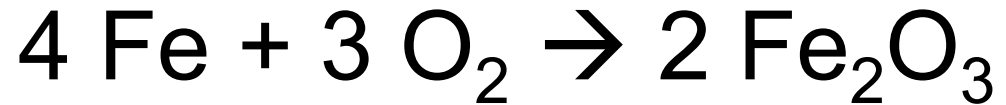
It is appropriate for more than 90% of applications

But, what about the other 10% ?

There are some applications where steel is not the best reinforcement

Currently, many architects & engineers are not aware that there are alternatives to steel rebar

So, they continue to use steel



Iron Oxide (Rust) is  
larger than steel

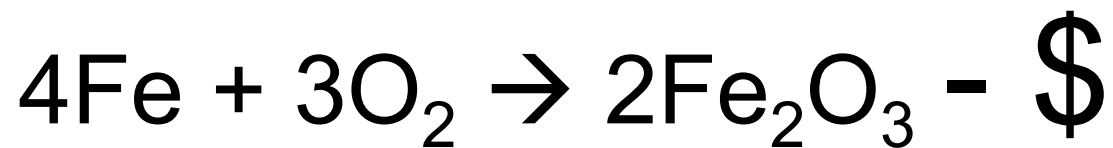
Steel rebar expands as  
it rusts



Expansion of rebar  
causes Spalling

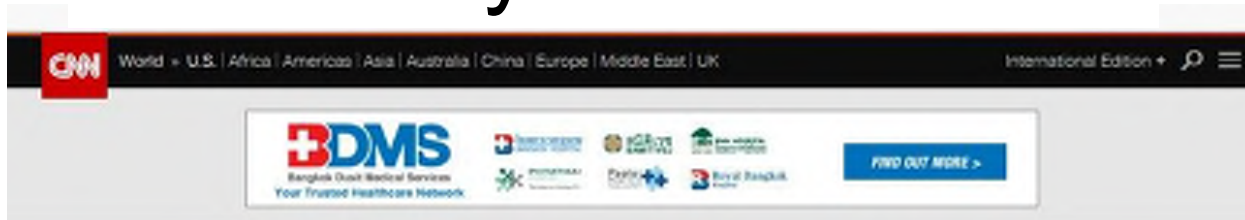
concrete structures to  
blow apart

A Very Expensive  
Chemical Reaction





## CNN story from 2018



There are more than 54,000 bridges in the US in need of repair, says this study

By Mercedes Leguizamón and Saeed Ahmed, CNN  
Updated 00:10 GMT (08:10 HKT) February 3, 2018



(CNN) — There are more than 54,000 bridges in the United States that need to be repaired or replaced. That's good news -- relatively speaking -- because a year ago, the number was more than 55,000.

The latest figure comes from a report by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, a group that advocates for strong investment in transportation infrastructure.

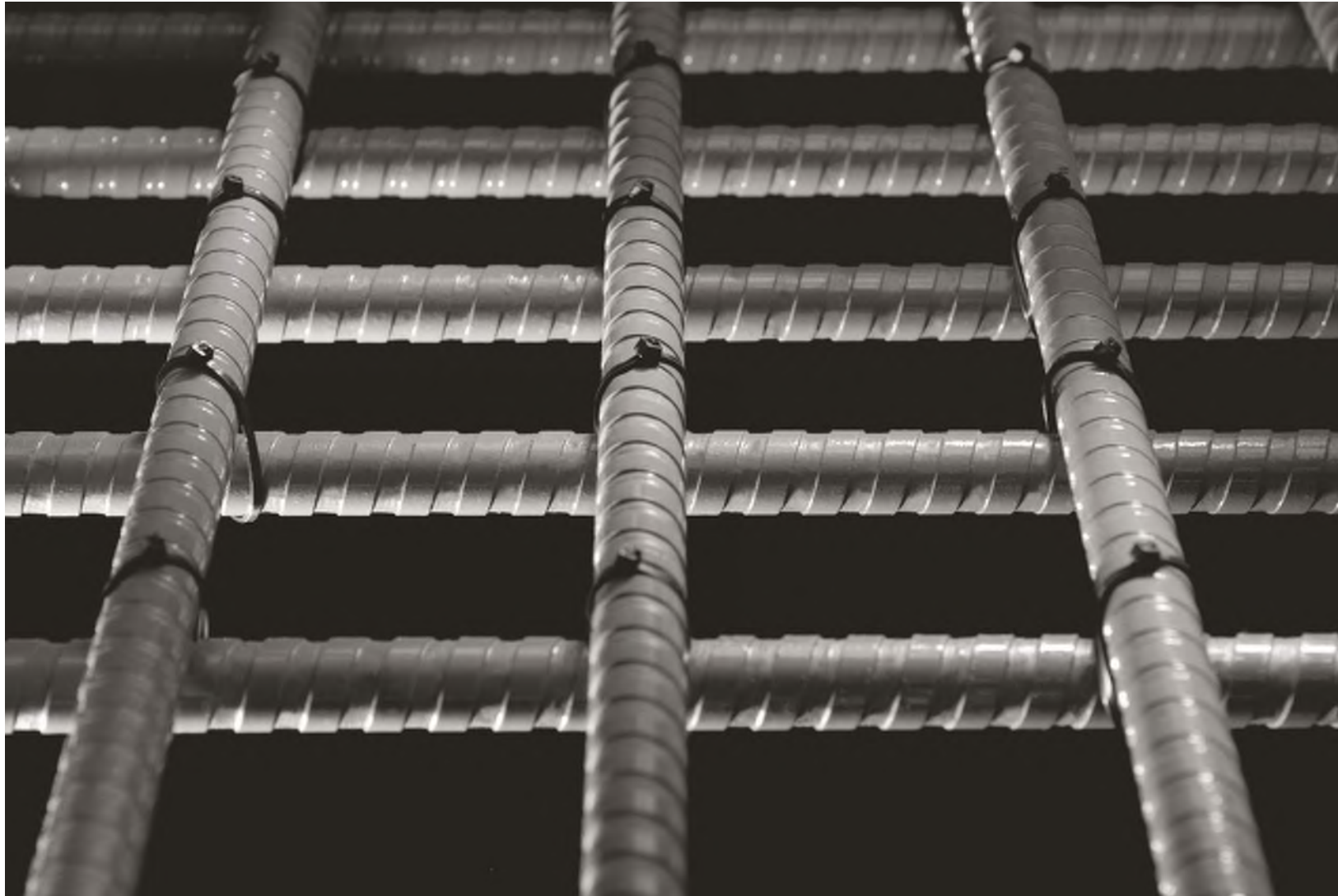
Using data from the Federal Highway Administration, the group releases an annual Deficient Bridge Report.

## A \$1T Infrastructure Plan

## 37 Years to Repair or Replace

## Many of these Bridges are failing due to Spalling of Concrete

# GFRP rebar is a viable alternative





## GFRP - Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastic Composite Material







2 x tensile strength of mild steel

$\frac{1}{4}$  the weight of steel

Non electromagnetic

Excellent Thermal Insulator

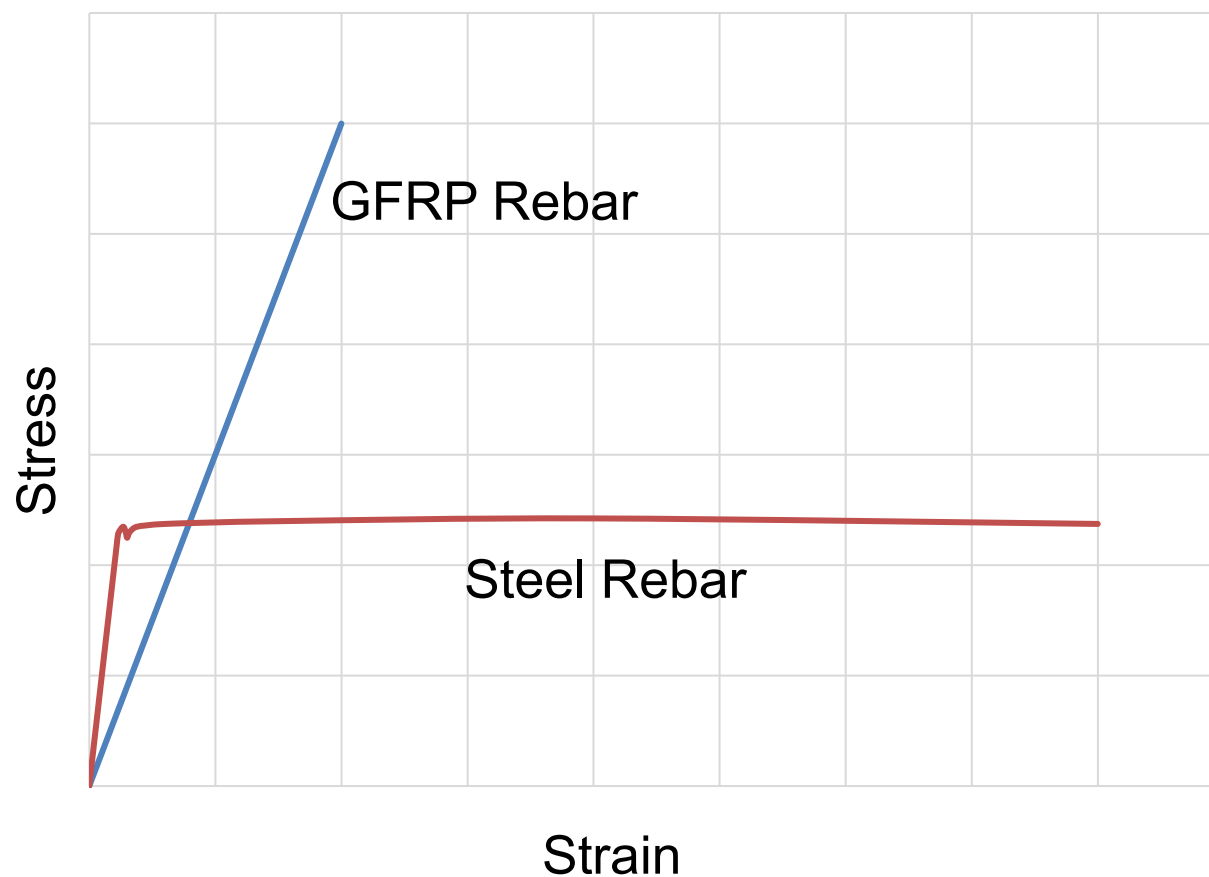
Cuttable

Non-metallic, so No Rust

Tensile Strength 145 ksi (1000 Mpa)

Tensile Modulus 5800 to 8700 ksi (40 to 60 GPa)

Elastic until Failure



# Weight

$\frac{1}{4}$  the weight of steel

1.5" bar at 20ft weighs  
less than 33 lb

Significant Labour Saving  
on Construction Site



Safety in High Voltage Areas

No Electromagnetic Induction

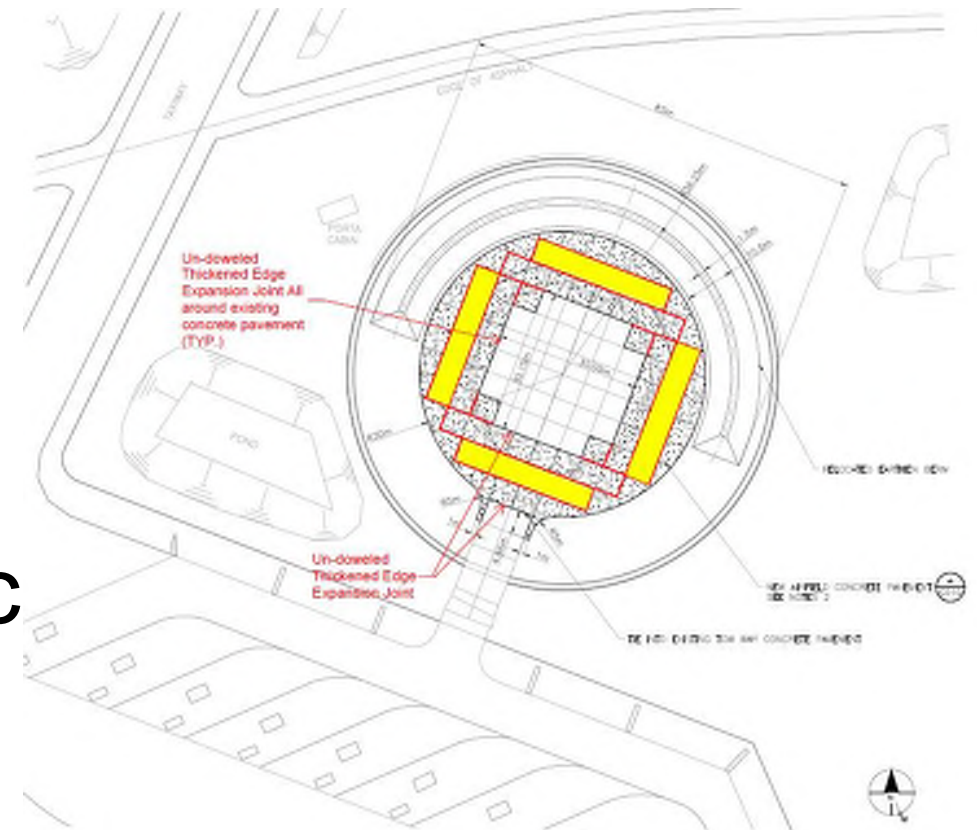
No Electrical Interference





## Aircraft Compass Calibration Pads

## Calibration & Housing of Sensitive Electromagnetic Equipment



## Insulated Concrete Sandwich Panel Construction



## Homes & Industrial





# Soft Eyes for Tunnels





# Non Metallic – No Rust



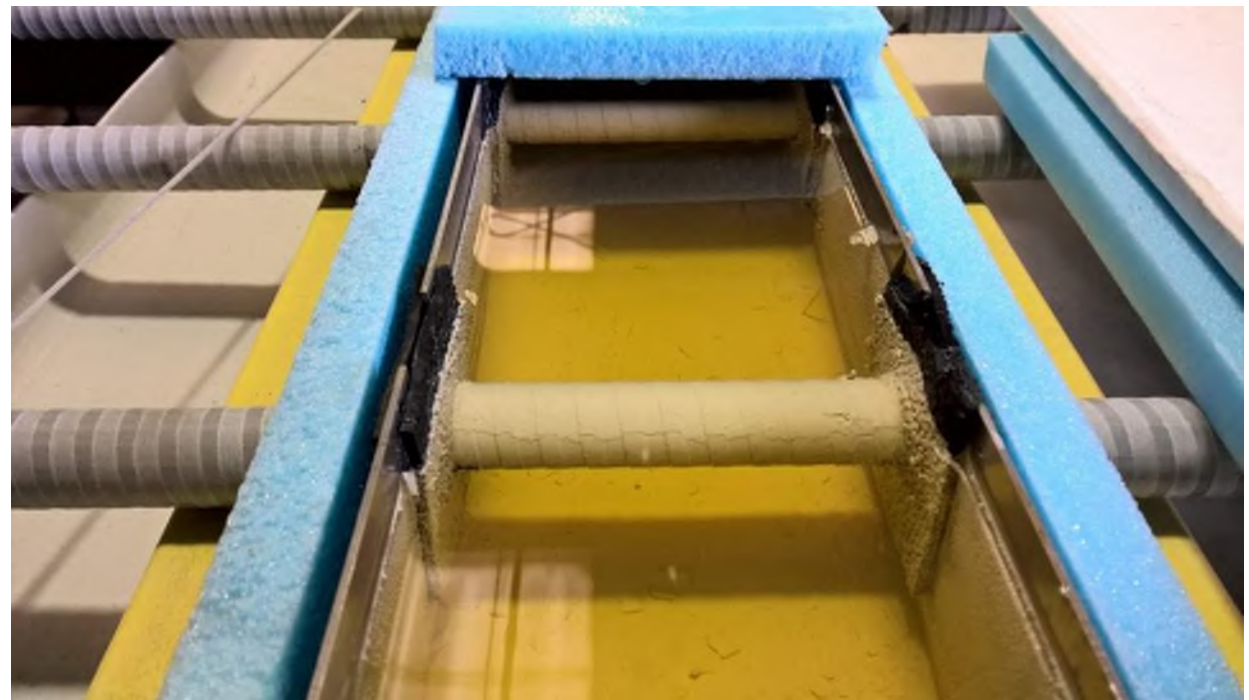


# Steel Rebar Begins to Rust Even Before Concrete is Poured



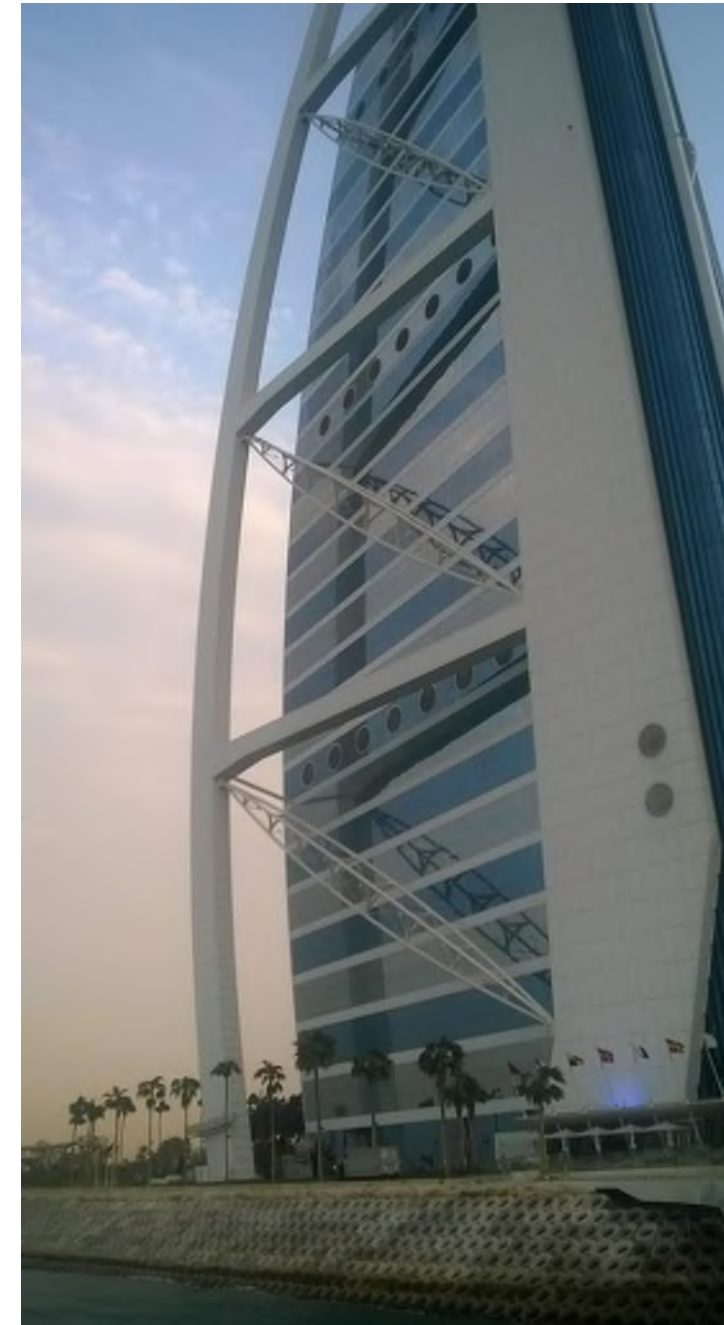
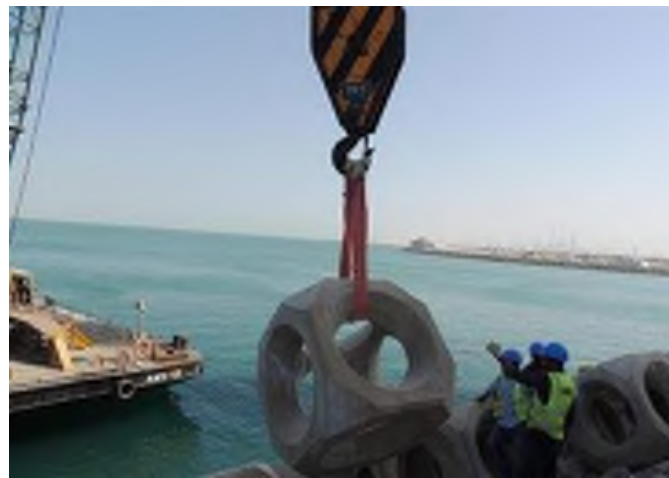
## ACI 440.3R – Accelerated Durability Test

96% Tensile Strength Retained after equivalent of 100 Years





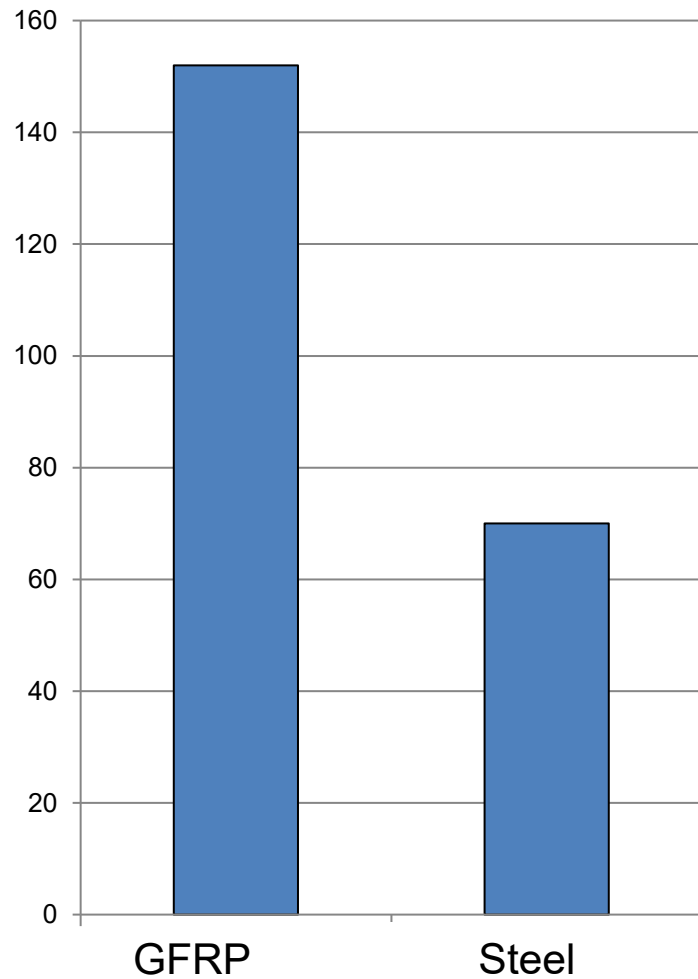
# GFRP Rebar in Harsh Environments



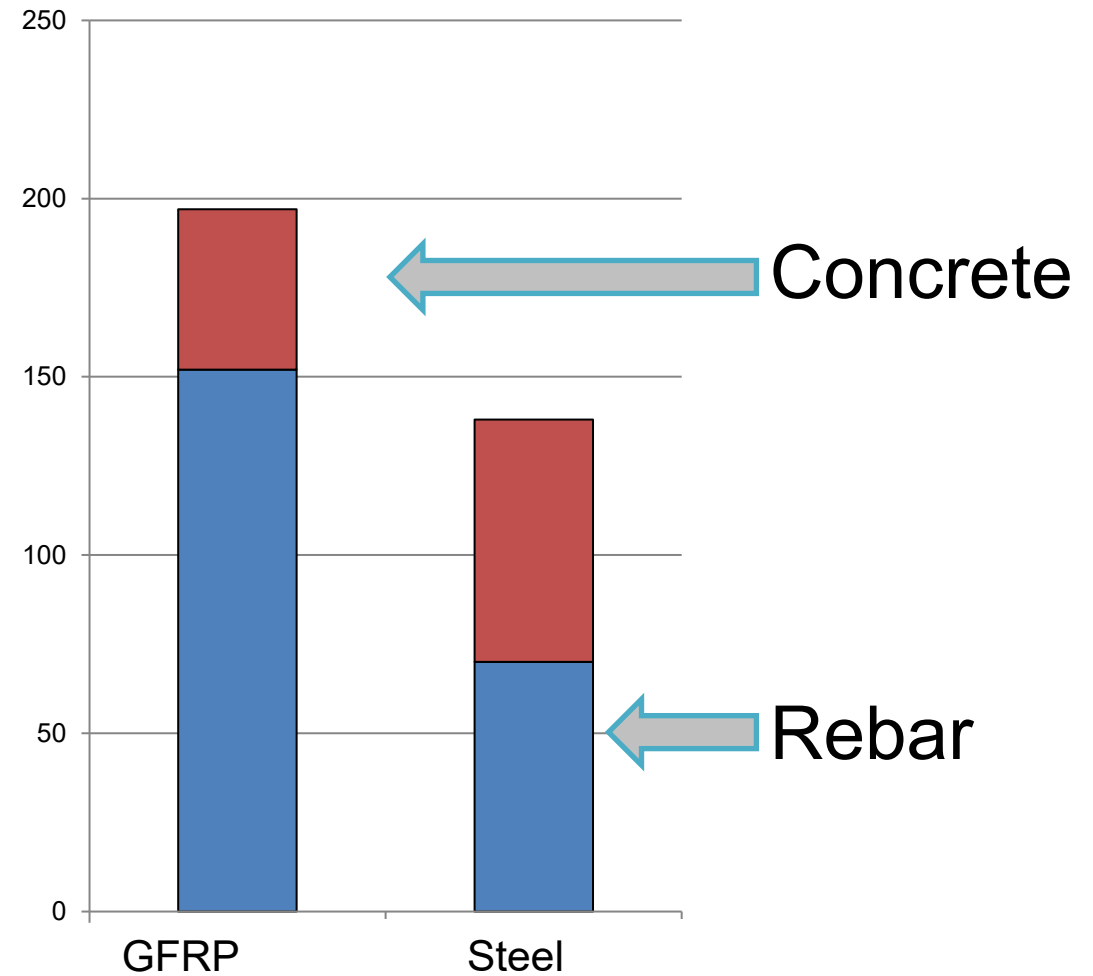


## Cost Comparison - Materials

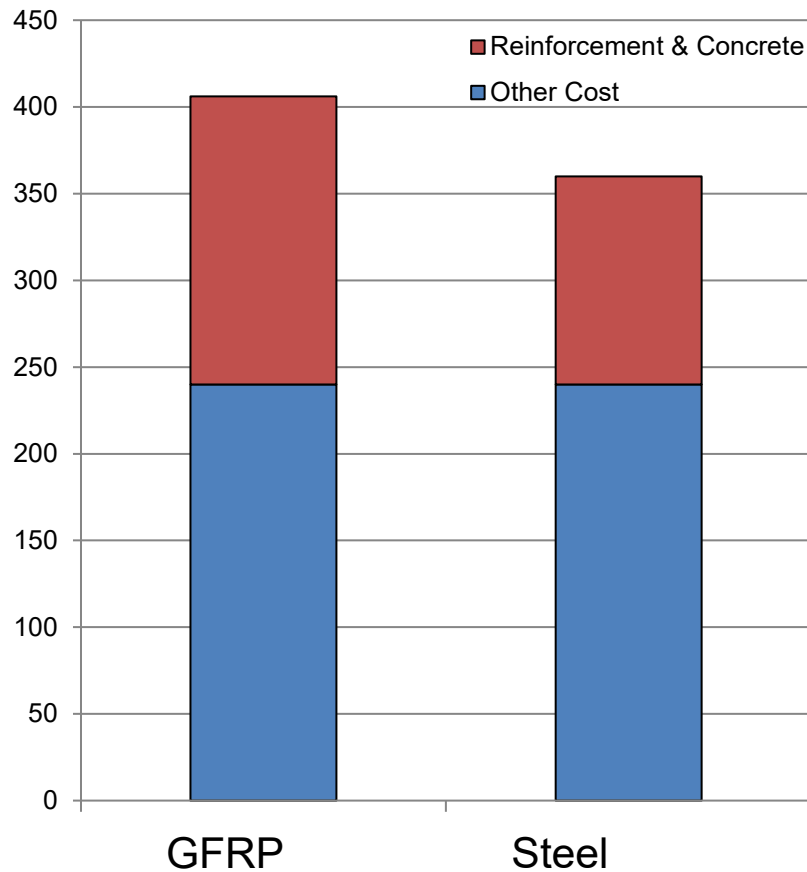
### Cost of Reinforcement



### Reinforcement & Concrete



## Total cost comparison. 2mx2m panel



## Example (Middle East)

Concrete used with GFRP is 30MPa (corrosion resistance not required) @ AED200/m<sup>3</sup>

Concrete used for steel reinforcement is 50MPa concrete @ AED300/m<sup>3</sup>

Concrete Savings helps offset GFRP cost

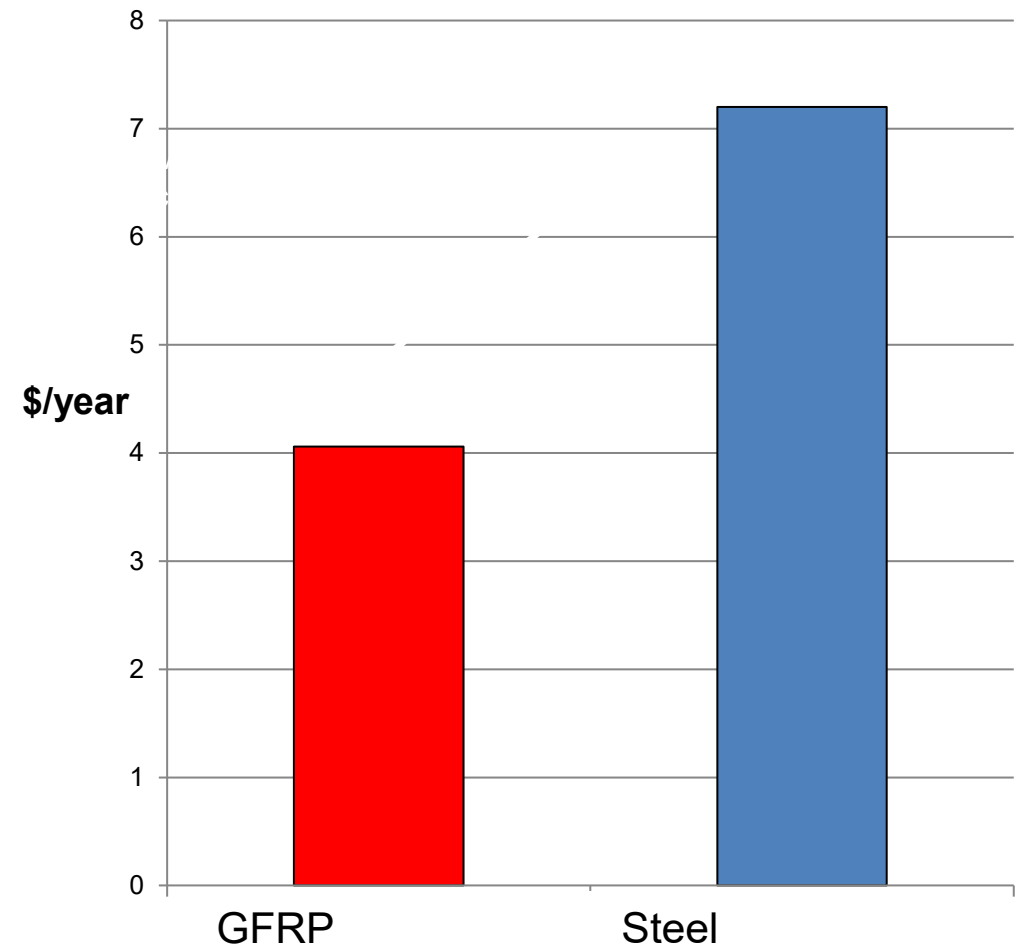
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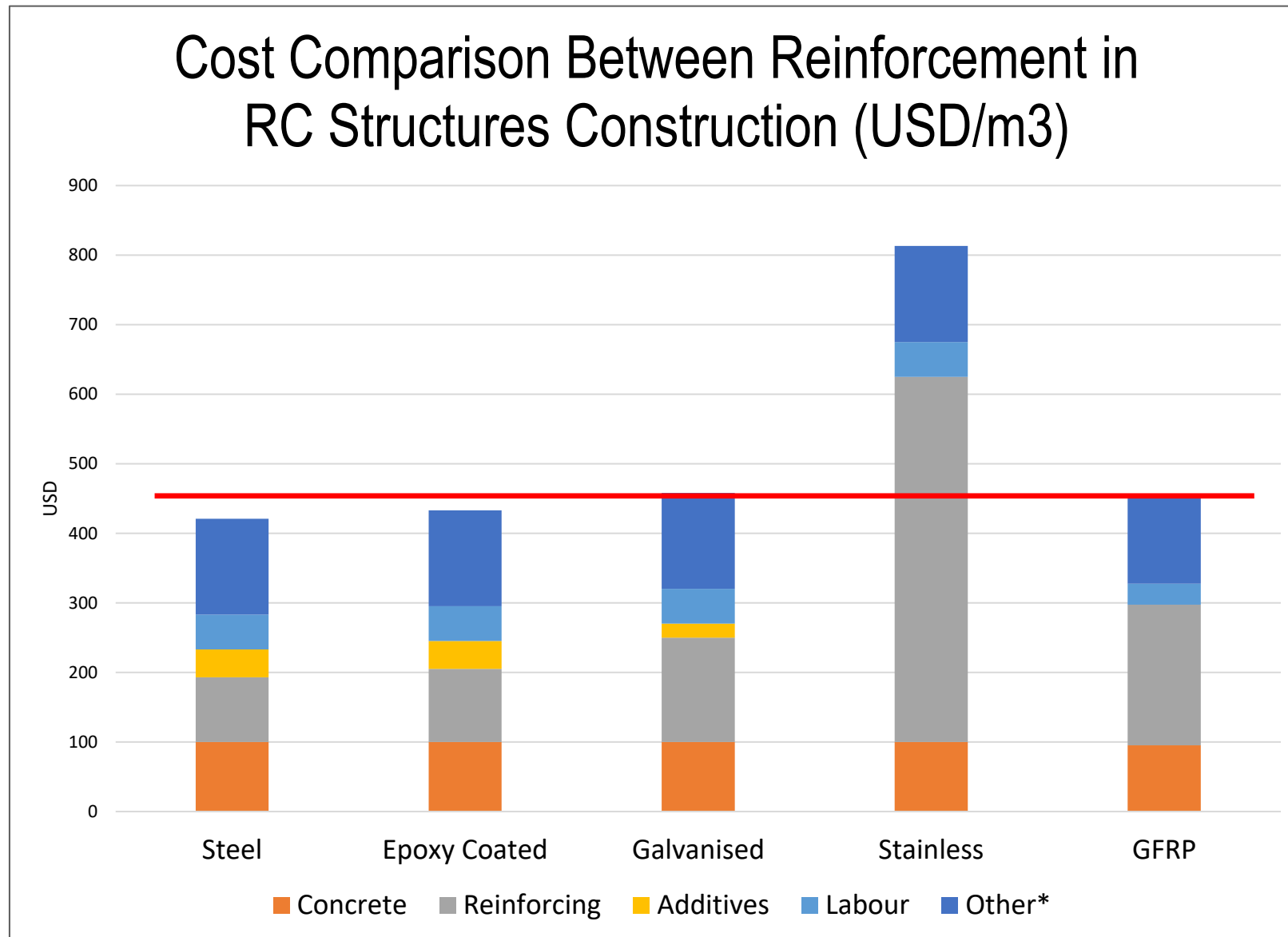
GFRP rebar increases asset lifespan

Real Cost of GFRP is effectively lower as asset value is retained

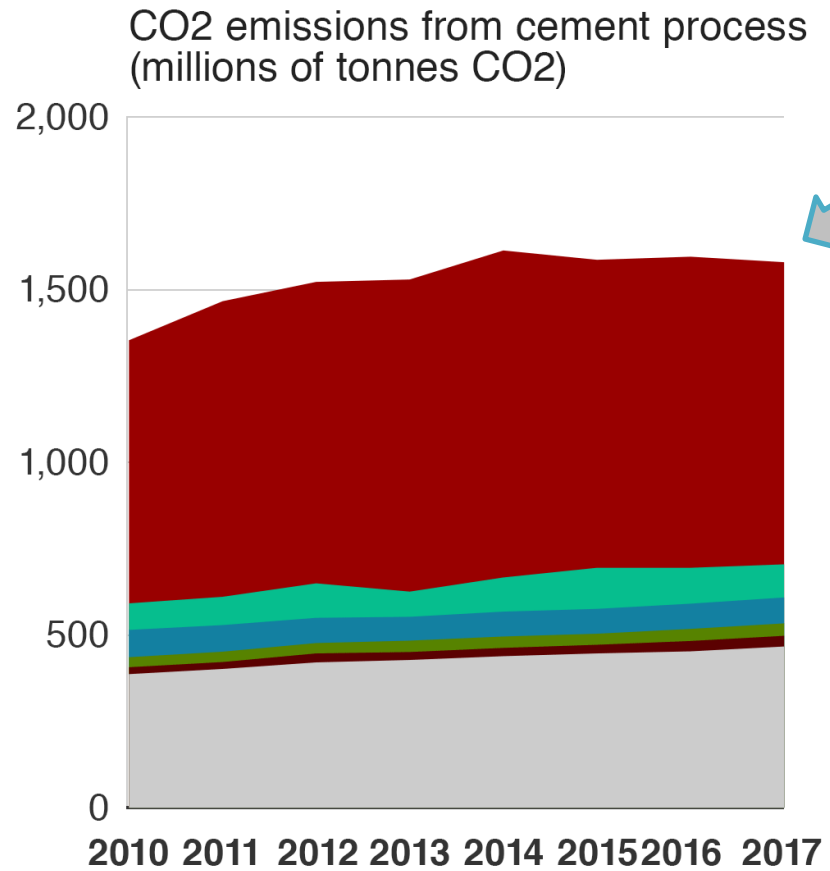
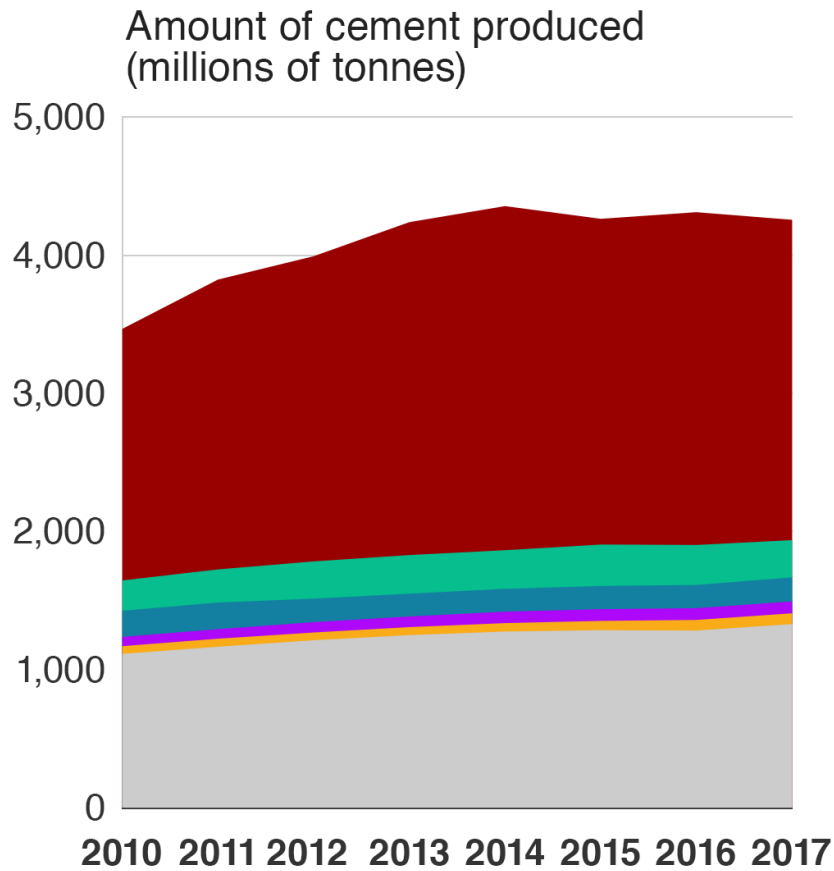
Life-time cost comparison



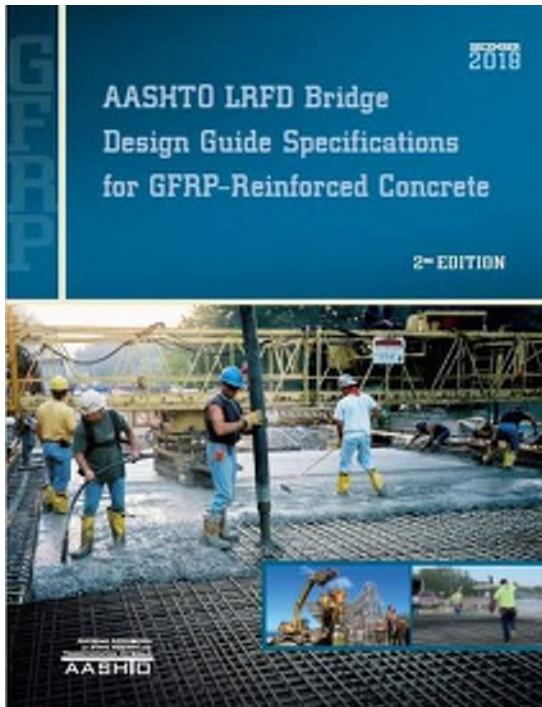




# Environmental Considerations



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ACI 440.1R-15

## Guide for the Design and Construction of Structural Concrete Reinforced with Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Bars

Reported by ACI Committee 440



**Designation: D787/D787M - 17**

**Standard Specification for Solid Round Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars for Concrete Reinforcement**

**Scope**

- 1.1 This specification covers glass fiber reinforced polymer (GFRP) bars, provided in cut lengths and bent shapes and having an external surface reinforcement for concrete reinforcement from corrosion by this specification shall meet the requirements for processing, mechanical, and physical properties described herein.
- 1.2 Bars produced according to this standard are qualified using the test methods and meet most the requirements given by Table 1. Quality control and verification of production lots of bars are accomplished using the test methods and meet most the requirements given in Table 2.
- 1.3 The test of this specification references tests and methods which provide evaluations essential. These tests and methods (including those in related standards) shall be considered as requirements of this specification.
- 1.4 The following FRP materials are not covered by this specification:
  - 1.4.1 Bars made of more than one test length (bar type that is spliced FRP).
  - 1.4.2 Bars having an external surface reinforcement that is plate or mesh bars, or ducts.
  - 1.4.3 Bars with geometries other than solid, round cross sections.
  - 1.4.4 Non-manufactured goods and groups made with FRP materials.
- 1.5 This specification is applicable for other 42 (see Specification D787/D787M) or reinforced with the Specification D787/D787M.
- 1.6 The values stated in inches and pounds are to be regarded as standard. Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

**References**

- 1.1 ASTM Standards:
  - AASHTO M318 Specification for Ductile and Plain Carbon Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
  - ASTM A615 Specification for Plain and Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
  - ASTM A616 Specification for Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
  - ASTM A675 Test Method for Water Absorption of Plastics
  - ASTM C109 Test Method for Density and Specific Gravity (Absolute Density) of Plasticity Engineering
  - ASTM C139 Test Method for Split Tensile of Cast Reinforced Concrete
  - ASTM C143 Test Method for Compressive Strength of Concrete Specimens
  - ASTM C143M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Concrete Specimens
  - ASTM C1585 Test Method for Compressive Strength of Fiber Reinforced Polymer Matrix Composite Bars
  - ASTM C1585M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Fiber Reinforced Polymer Matrix Composite Bars
  - ASTM C1586 Test Method for Tensile Strength of Fiber Reinforced Polymer Matrix Composite Bars in Concrete by Pullout Testing
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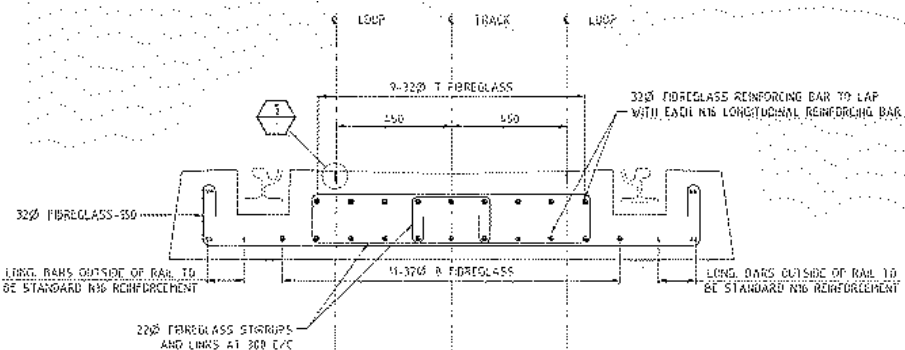








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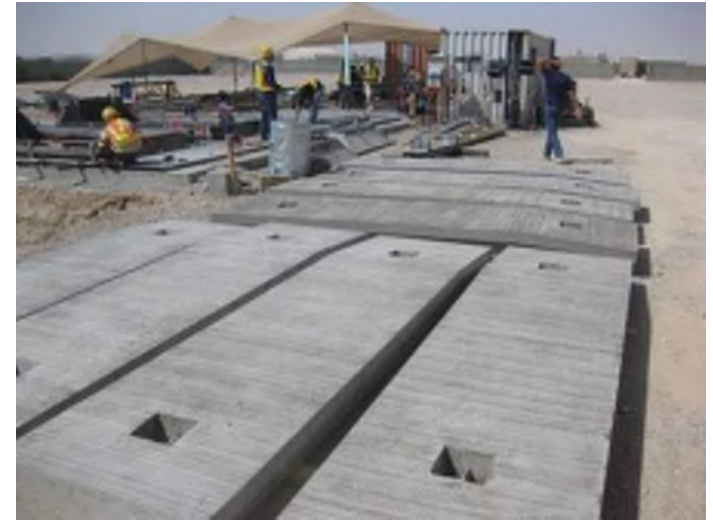








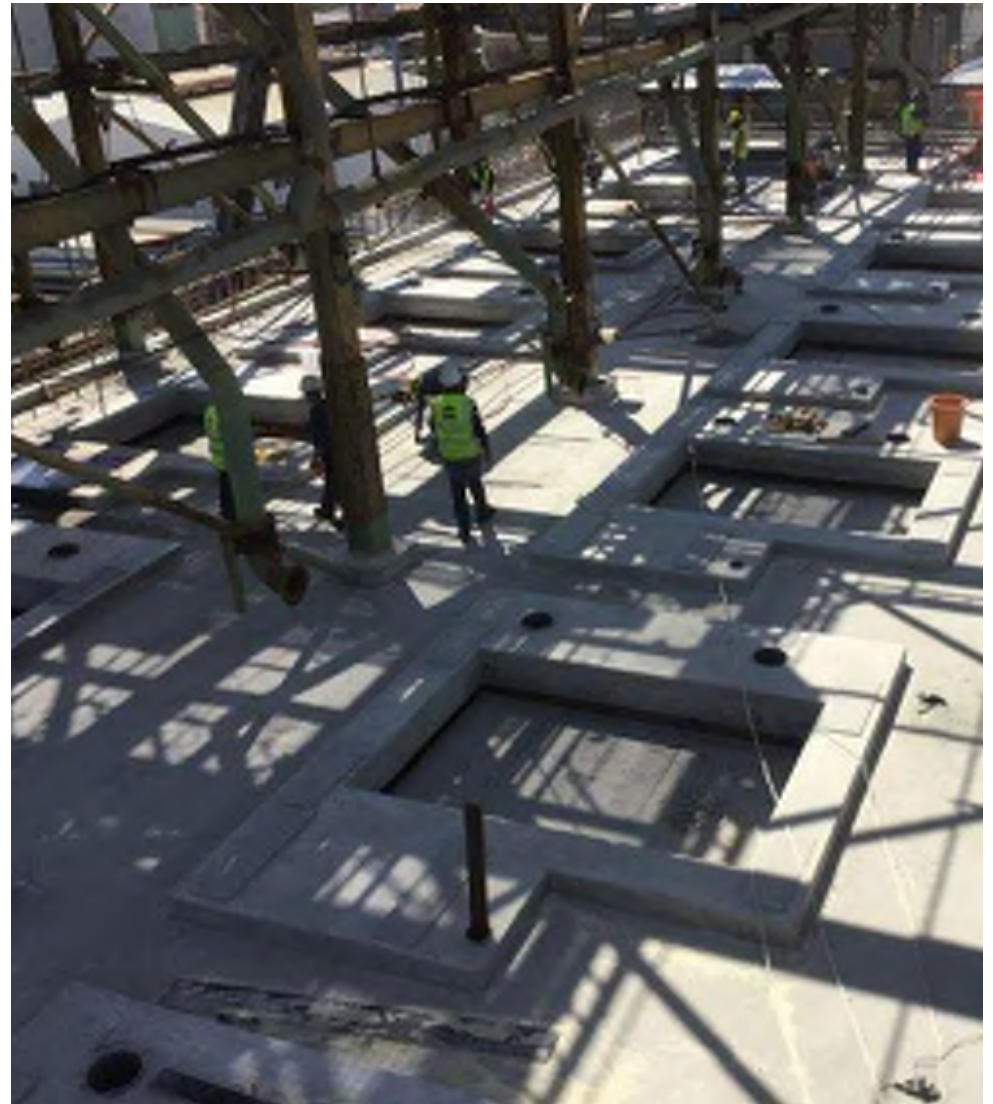












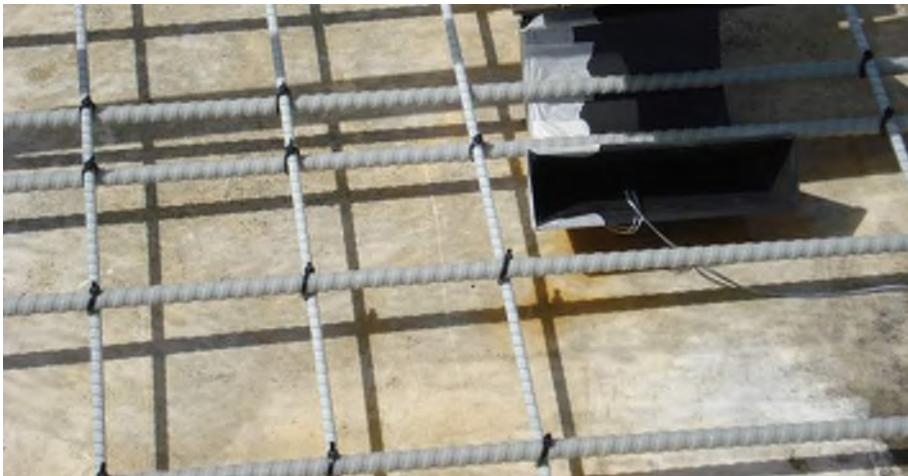
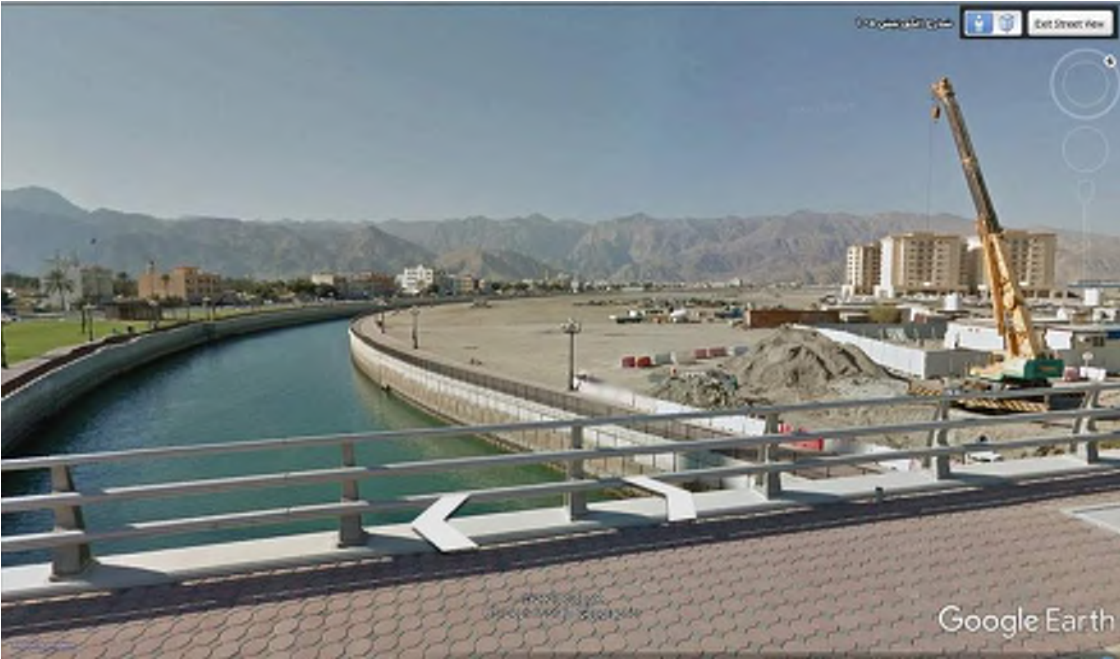








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# FRP Recent CSA Standards & Specifications




**CSA S807:19**  
National Standard of Canada



**Specification for fibre-reinforced  
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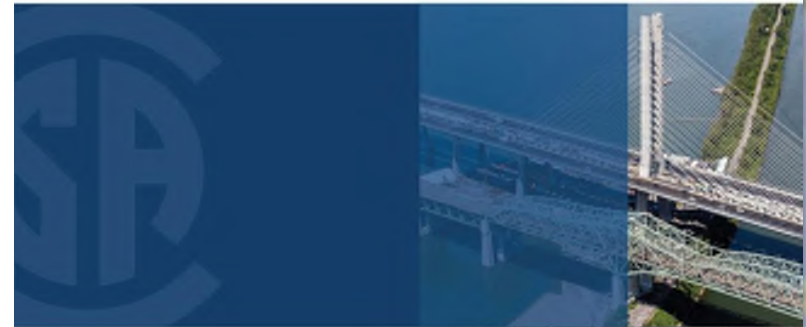
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## CSA S6-19

# HOW TO CERTIFY/QUALIFY/SPECIFY FRP BARS



## New Edition of CSA S807 (2019)

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### CSA S807

- First edition in 2010
- Re-approved in 2015
- New Edition in 2019 (Second Edition)



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Specification for fibre-reinforced polymers



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# CSA Material Specifications (CSA S807)

Describes permitted constituent materials, limits on constituent volumes, and minimum performance requirements.

Provides provisions governing testing and evaluation for product qualification and QC/QA.





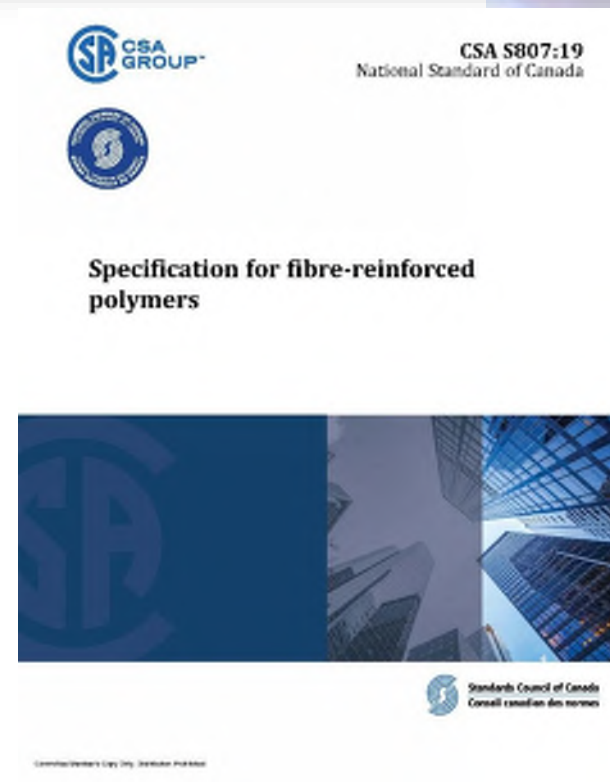
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Changes to this edition of S807 include the following:

- change to the scope of the Standard to include material properties of FRPs and the introduction of basalt fibers and specification of E-CR glass;
- addition of fine aggregate for sand coating; and
- addition of production lot size for straight, bent, and anchor-headed bars.



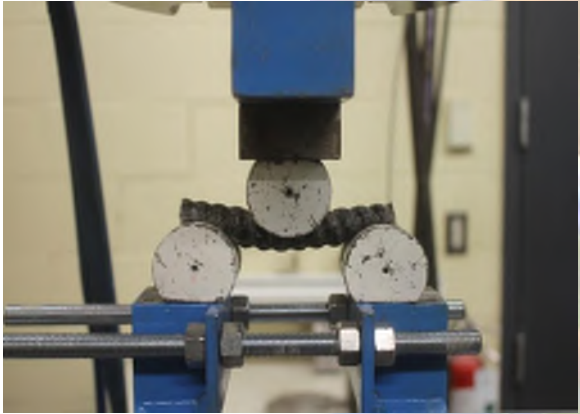
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## Recent Modifications

**4.2.2.1**

The manufacturer shall define the production lot size for the production method used for the FRP (e.g., by weight, area of cross-section, and linear measurement). The manufacturer shall record values for the amounts of materials used in each lot. The production lot size of straight bars shall be divided in sub-lots of 20 000 m of bars up to a maximum of 60 000 m of bars of the same diameter. The manufacturer’s quality control tests and samples shall be in accordance with Tables 7 and 8 for the first sub-lot of 20 000 m of bars of each production lot. For the two subsequent sub-lots of 20 000 m each, the **manufacturer’s quality control tests shall include**

- a) fibre content;
- b) glass transition temperature;
- c) cure ratio;
- d) water absorption for one week; and
- e) apparent horizontal shear strength.**



**Table 7 (Concluded)**

<u>Number and details of test specimens required</u>						
Property	Qualification test	Manufacturer’s QC	Owner’s QA	Provided if needed for special applications†	Test method	Specified limits
<b>Apparent horizontal shear strength by the short-beam method*</b>	24 tests from 3 production lots for 10, 13, 15, 20, 25, and 32 mm or only the sizes manufactured by the supplier	5 tests for each bar size per lot used on project	5 tests for each bar size per lot used on project	N/A	ASTM D4475	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 35 MPa for Grade I bars</li> <li>≥ 40 MPa for Grade II bars</li> <li>≥ 45 MPa for Grade III bars</li> </ul>
<b>Apparent horizontal shear strength in high pH solution at 60 °C (alkali resistance)*</b>	24 tests from 3 production lots for 10, 13, 15, 20, 25, and 32 mm or only the sizes manufactured by the supplier	N/A	N/A	N/A	ASTM D4475 Test duration: 3 months	The average from testing shall not be less than 85% of the average from room temperature testing for qualification (Table 7).

# CSA S807:19 Specifications for fiber reinforced polymers

## Recent Modifications

**Table 9**  
**Minimum pullout capacity of anchor-headed bars**  
 (See Table 7.)

Fibre	Diameter, mm	Minimum pullout capacity, kN	Slip at loaded end limits
Glass	15	100	At 100 kN no more than 0.5 mm
	20	120	At 100 kN no more than 0.5 mm



**Table 7 (Concluded)**

**Number and details of test specimens required**

Property	Qualification test	Manufacturer's QC	Owner's QA	Provided if needed for special applications†	Test method	Specified limits
Pullout capacity of anchor-headed glass fibre-reinforced polymer bars	24 tests from 3 production lots for 15 and 20 mm or only the sizes manufactured by the supplier	N/A	N/A	5 tests on bar size requested	ASTM D7913/D7913M A 300 × 300 × 300 mm concrete block shall be used.	Minimum values defined in Table 9.
Durability characteristic of anchor-headed glass fibre-reinforced polymer bars	24 tests from 3 production lots for 15 and 20 mm or only the sizes manufactured by the supplier	N/A	N/A	5 tests on bar size requested	Test method in Annex F	The average from testing shall not be less than 80% of the average unconditioned testing for qualification (this Table).



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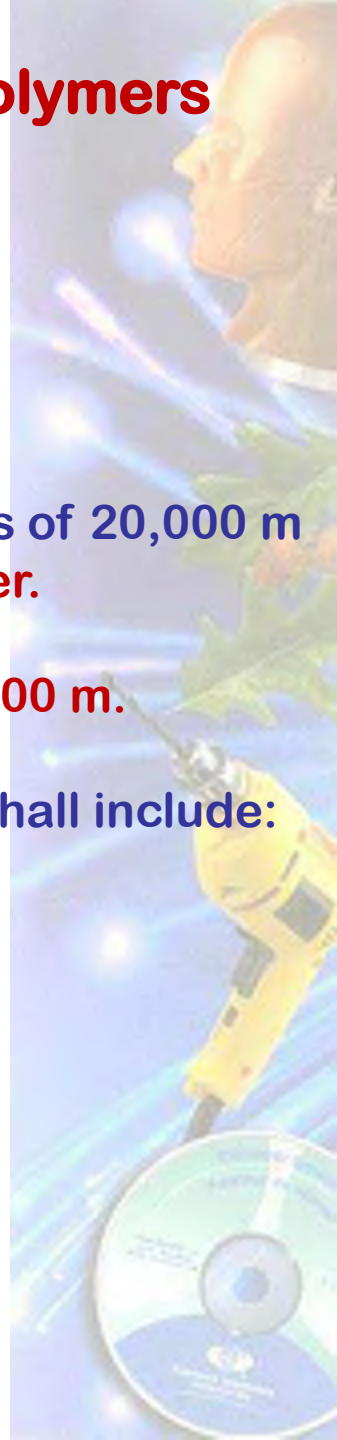
### Production lot size of Straight bars

The production lot size of straight bars shall be divided in sub-lots of 20,000 m of bars up to a **maximum of 60,000 m of bars of the same diameter.**

QC tests as indicated in Tables 3 and 4 for the first sub-lot of **20,000 m.**

For the two subsequent sub-lots of **20,000 m each**, the QC tests shall include:

- fibre content;
- glass transition temperature;
- cure ratio;
- water absorption for one week; and
- **apparent Horizontal Shear Strength.**



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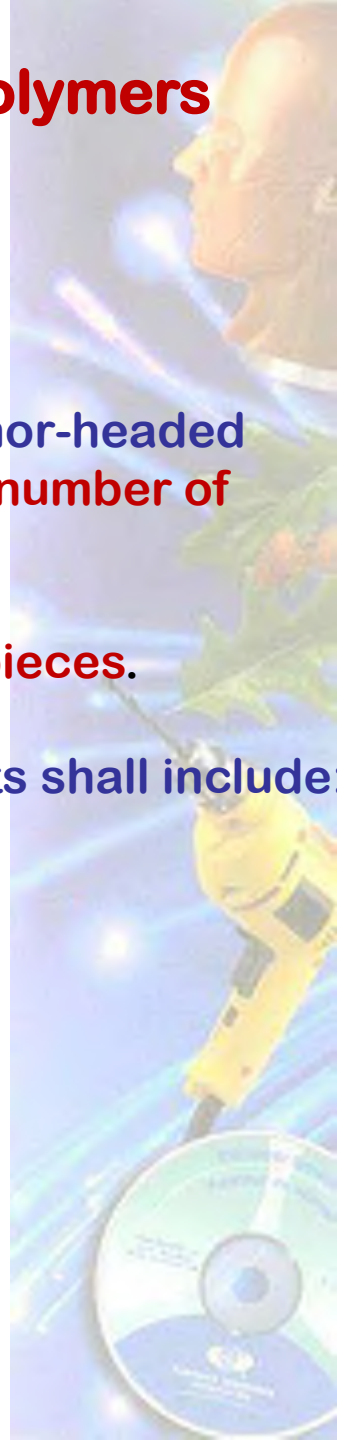
### Production lot size of bent bars

The production lot size of **bent bars** of congruent shape and anchor-headed bars shall be divided in sub-lots of 2000 pieces **up to a maximum number of 6000 pieces.**

QC tests as indicated Tables 3 and 4 for the first sub-lot of **2000 pieces.**

For the subsequent two sub-lots of **2000 pieces each**, the QC tests shall include

- fiber content;
- glass transition temperature;
- cure ratio;
- water absorption for one week; and
- **apparent Horizontal Shear Strength.**



# CSA S807:19 Specifications for fiber reinforced polymers

## Recent Modifications

- **Alkali resistance in high pH solution (without load), the tensile capacity retention  $\geq$  increased from 80% to 85% UTS.**
- **Alkali resistance in high pH solution (with load), the tensile capacity retention  $\geq$  increased from 70% to 75% UTS.**





# CSA S807:19 Specifications for fiber reinforced polymers

## Recent Modifications

**Table 1A**  
**Designated Bar Diameter and Nominal Area**  
**(Same as ASTM D7957/D7957M – 17)**

Diameter mm	Nominal cross-sectional area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Minimum measured cross-sectional area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Maximum measured cross-sectional area (mm <sup>2</sup> )
8	50	48	79
10	71	67	104
13	129	119	169
15	199	186	251
20	284	268	347
22	387	365	460
25	510	476	589
30	645	603	733
32	819	744	894
36	1006	956	1157

# CSA S807:19 Specifications for fiber reinforced polymers

## Recent Modifications

### Minimum Tensile Strength for GFRP Rebars (Grade III)

**Minimum tensile strength for straight bars (#4 to #8) :**  
1000 MPa (145 ksi)

**Minimum tensile strength for straight portion of bent bars (#4 to #8) :**  
1000 to 850 MPa (145 to 125 ksi)

**Minimum tensile strength for bent portion of bent bars (#4 to #8) :**  
450 to 390 MPa (65 to 57 ksi)



# CSA S807:19 Specifications for fiber reinforced polymers

## Recent Modifications

Table 6

Grades of FRP bent bars corresponding to their minimum modulus of elasticity of the straight portion, GPa  
(See Clauses 8.3 and 10.1 and Table 7.)

Designation	Grade IB	Grade IIB	Grade IIIB
	Individual bars	Individual bars	Individual bars
AFRP	50	60	65
BFRP	50	55	60
CFRP	80	100	120
GFRP	40	45	50



### *Annex E (normative)*

## **Method of test for determining the strength of the bent portion of FRP reinforcing bars**

**Note:** This Annex is a mandatory part of this Standard.

### **E.1 Scope**

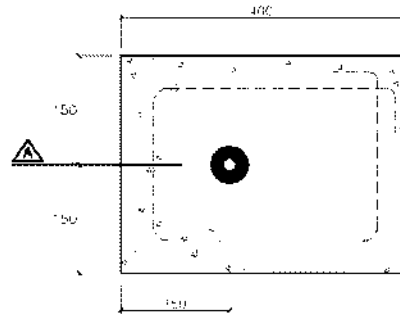
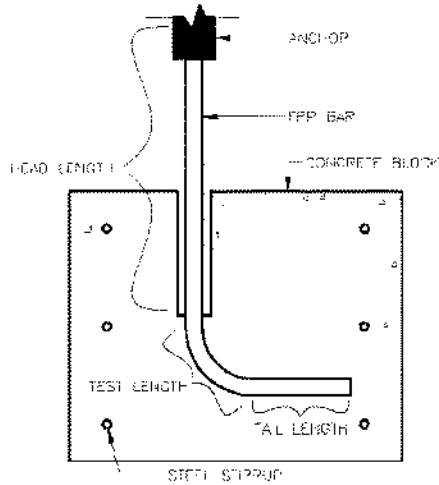
#### **E.1.1**

This test method is used to determine the force in the straight portion of a bent fibre-reinforced polymer (GFRP) bar, used as internal reinforcement for concrete structures, when rupture occurs in the bend.

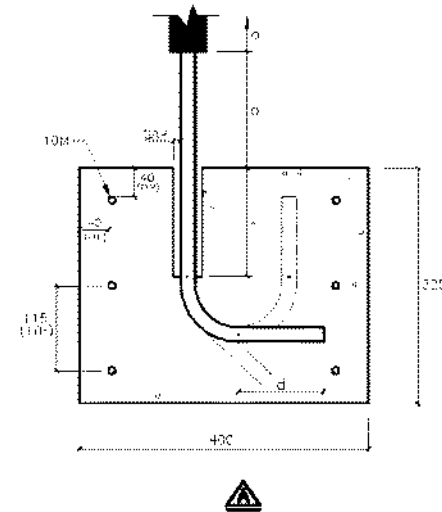


## Annex E (normative)

# Method of Test for Determining the Strength of the Bent Portion of FRP Reinforcing Bars



TOP VIEW



**Figure 2 – Dimensional Arrangement of the Block**  
(nominal diameter of 20 mm or less, bent at an angle between 0 and 180 degrees, and manufactured with a bend-radius-to-bar-diameter ratio of 4 or less)

**Figure 1 – General Arrangement**

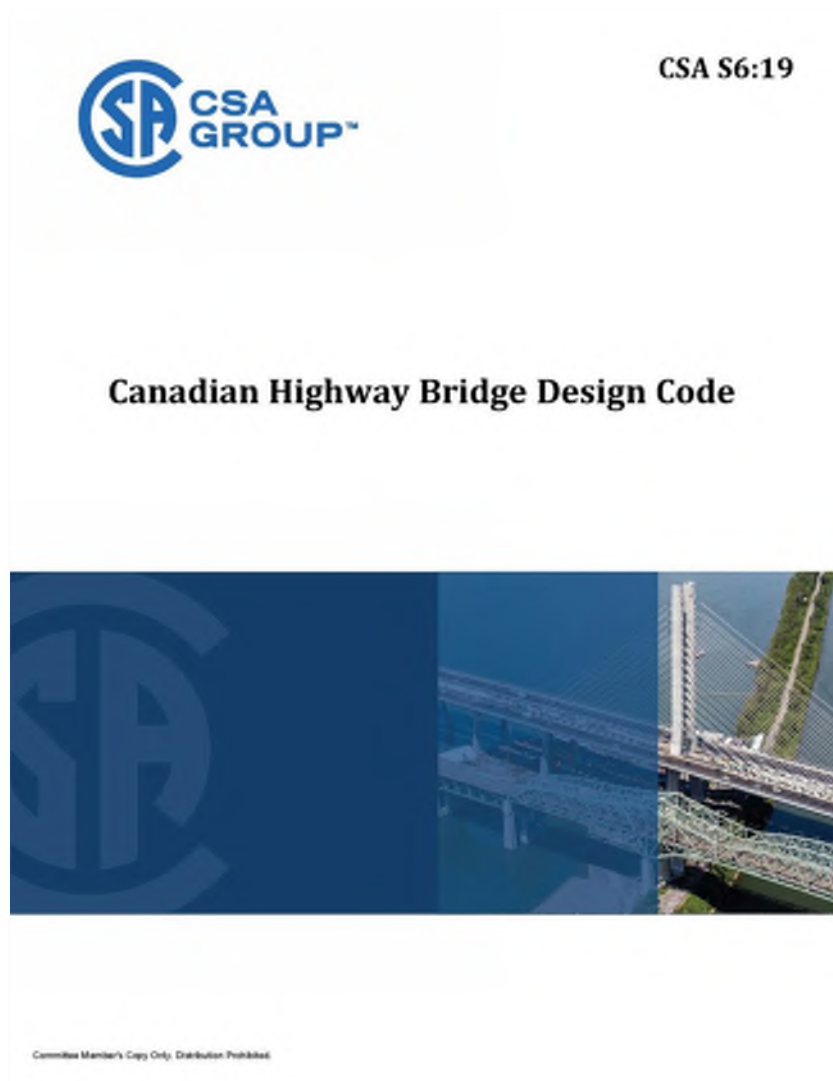
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## Recent Modifications

GFRP #5 Lot #	Ultimate Load (kN)	Ultimate Stress (MPa)	Tensile Modulus (GPa)	Ultimate Strain (%)	GFRP #6 Lot #	Failure load (kN)	Bend Strength (MPa)	Strength Reduction Factor (%)
1	335	1180	63	1.9	1	182	639	54
2	307	1082	62	1.8	2	179	630	58
3	318	1118	64	1.7	3	187	659	59



# FRP Recent CSA Standards & Specifications



## CSA S6 (CHBDC)

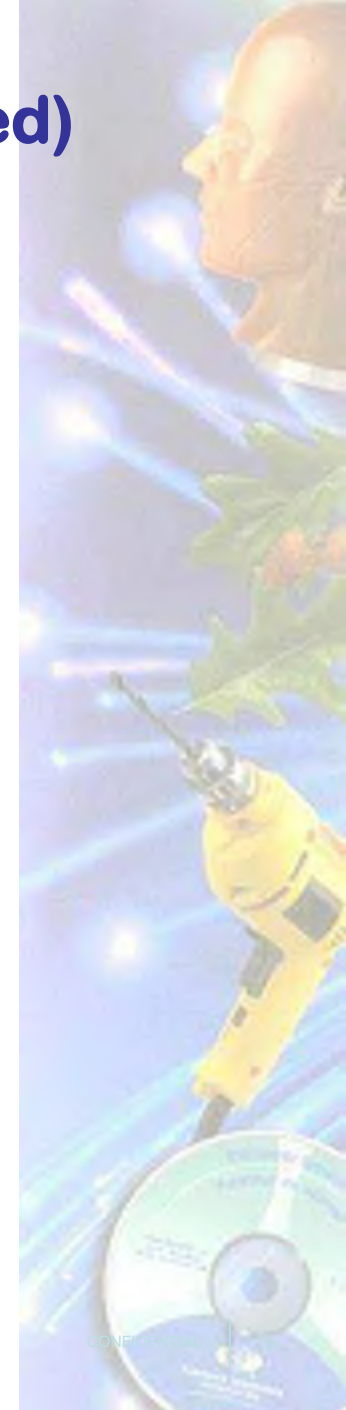
- First Edition in **2000** (GFRP as secondary reinforcement)
- Second Edition in **2006** (GFRP as main reinforcement)
- Third Edition in **2010** (FRP-RC beams & slabs, Shear equation, crack-width,  $K_b$ , and barrier walls)
- Re-approved in **2014**
- Fourth Edition in **2019**.

**CSA S6-19**



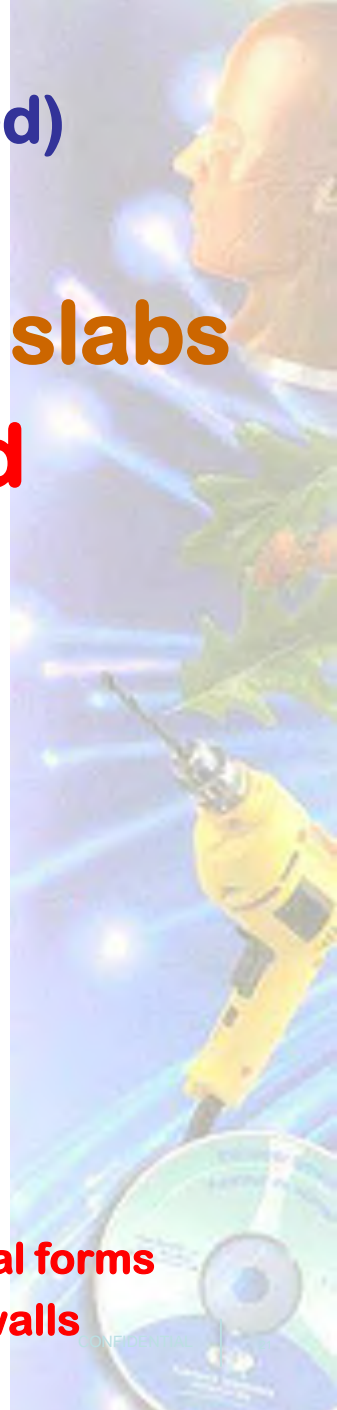
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- **16.2**        **Definitions**
- **16.3**        **Abbreviations and symbols**
- **16.4**        **Durability**
- **16.5**        **Fibre-reinforced polymers**
  - **16.5.1 FRP bars and grids**
  - **16.5.2 FRP strengthening systems**
  - **16.5.3 FRP tendons**
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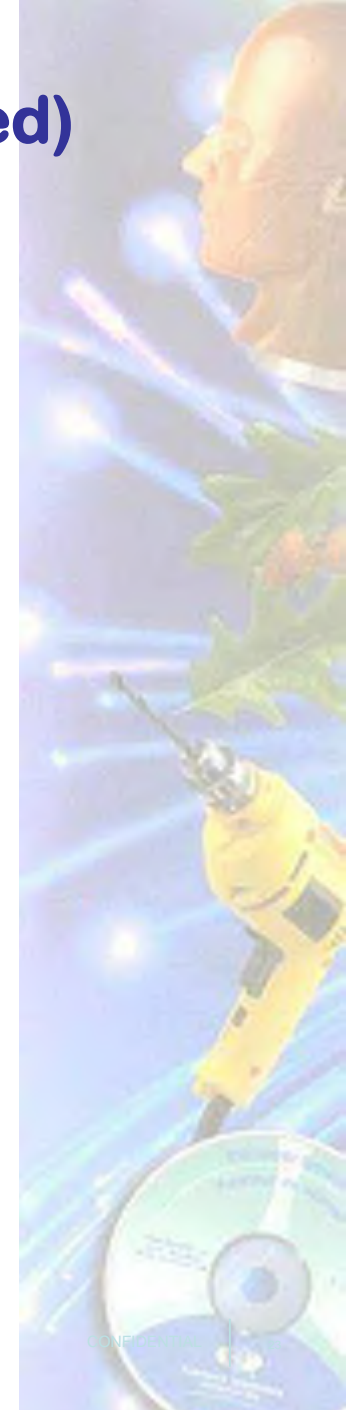
- **16.9 Stressed wood decks**
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  - 16.10.2 Barrier wall design details with front and back reinforcement
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- *Annex A16.1 (informative) 740*  
*Installation of FRP strengthening systems*
- *Annex A16.2 (normative) 743*  
*Quality control for FRP strengthening systems*
- *Annex A16.3 (informative)*  
*GFRP composite bridges*



# Durability/Material properties/New structural materials

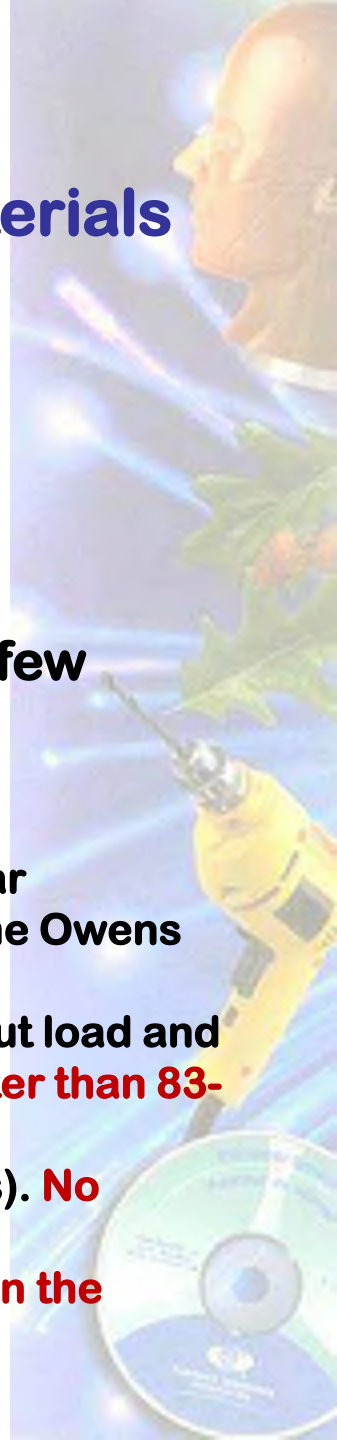
## 16.5.3 Resistance factor (phi factor)

**phi factor of GFRP bars increased from 0.55 to 0.65**

**Rational:**

**Durability of GFRP bars has been enhanced during the last few years:**

1. Better manufacturing process and quality control
2. Better constituents : 1) **ECR-Glass versus E-Glass**; Most of the GFRP bar manufacturers are using boron-free glass fibres (ECR, commercial name Owens Corning), 2) **High-performance resins** (advances in polymer chemistry)
3. **Durability tests in alkaline solution** show high strength retentions without load and under loads (CSA S807): 1) **greater than 90-95%** (without load), 2) **greater than 83-90%** (with load).
4. Recently the MTQ took cores for in-service bridges (more than 15 years). **No degradation.**
5. Durability of GFRP versus durability of concrete? **The phi for concrete in the CHBDC is 0.75.**



# New Clauses in Chapter 16 of CSA S6-19

## Maximum Axial Capacity

$$P_0 = \phi_c \alpha_1 f'_c A_g + \phi_f f_f A_f$$

$$f_f = 0.002 E_f$$



Longitudinal FRP reinforcement may be used in members subjected to combined flexure and axial load. However, the compressive strength of FRP reinforcement shall be limited to a stress corresponding to a strain of 0.002 in the calculation of the factored axial and flexural resistance of reinforced concrete members.

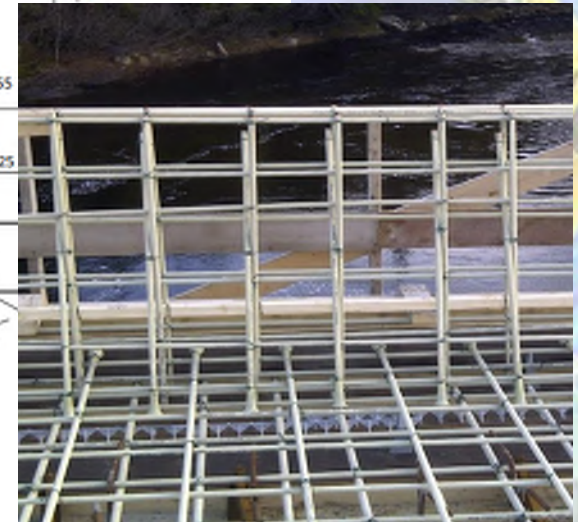
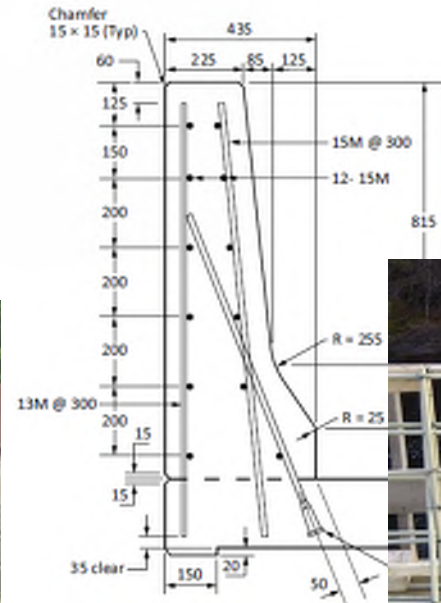
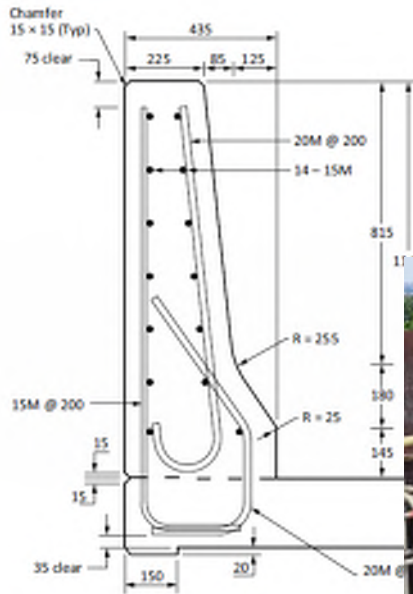




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## Barrier walls

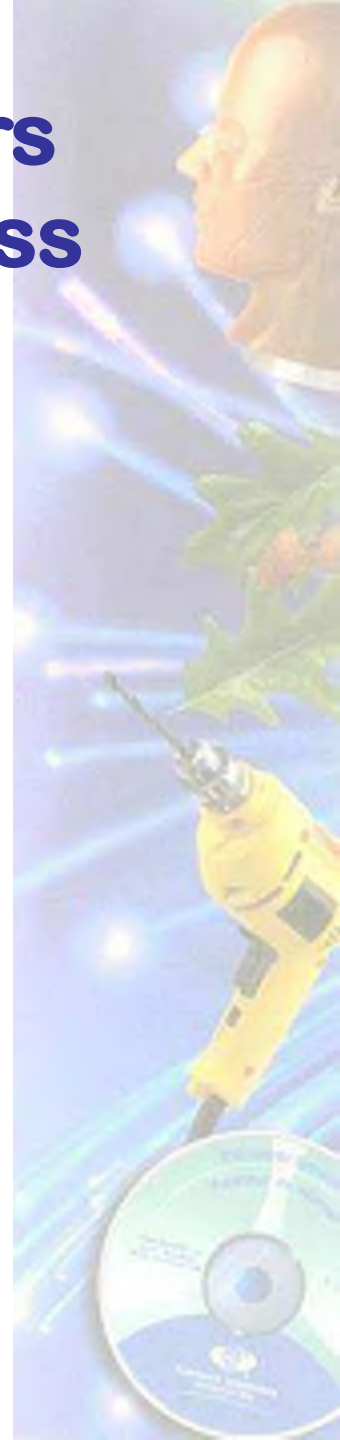
The use of **headed bars** is now allowed for double-face reinforced concrete barriers



# **Introduction- FRP Reinforcement in Canadian Codes and Standards: Recent Developments**

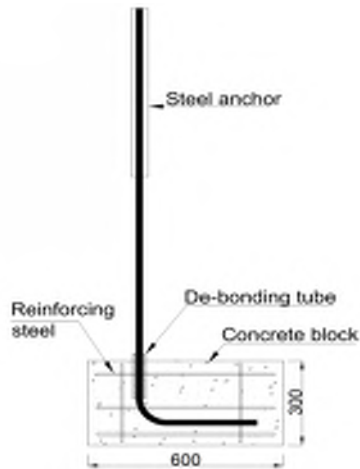


# 60 GPa Modulus GFRP Bent Bars Manufactured with a New Process





# 60 GPa Modulus GFRP Bent Bars Manufactured with a New Process



**Modulus of Elasticity: 63 GPa (9 msi)**

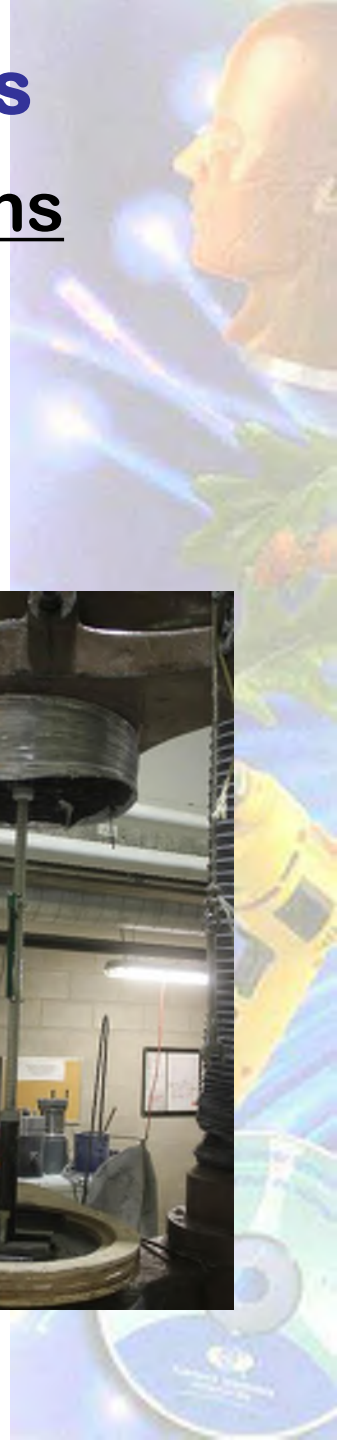
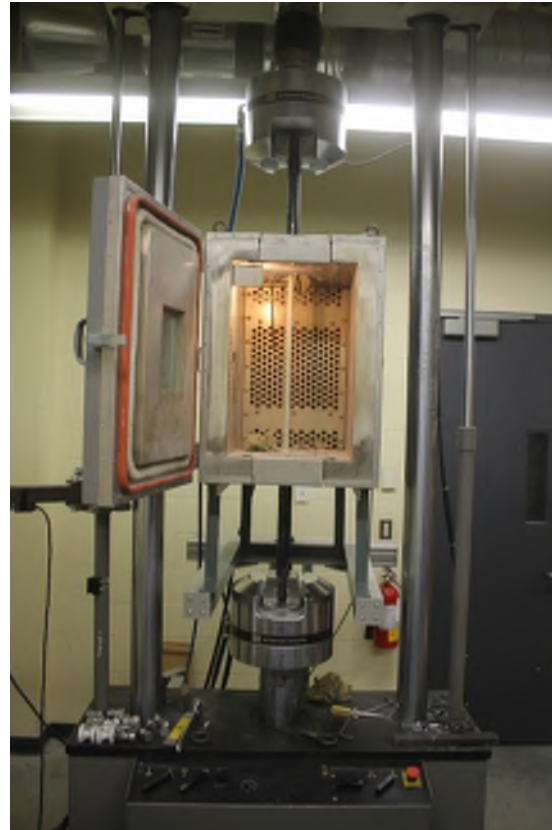
**Tensile Strength of straight portion: 1160 MPa  
(168 ksi)**

**Tensile Strength at bend: 700 MPa (100 ksi)**

# Recent Developments in GFRP Bars

## Bendable GFRP bars with thermoplastic resins

Physical, Mechanical, and Durability Characteristics of Newly Developed Thermoplastic GFRP Bars for Reinforcing Concrete Structures

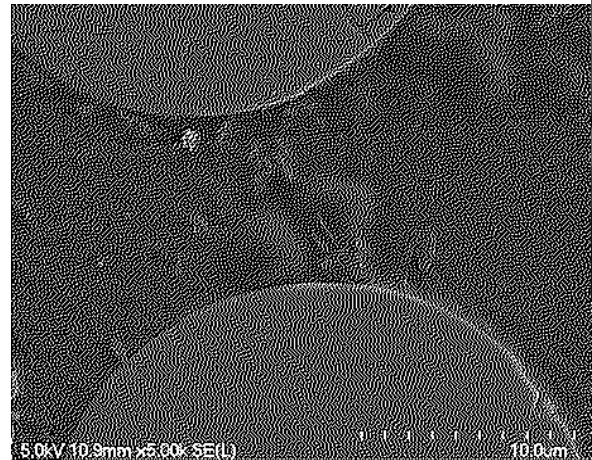
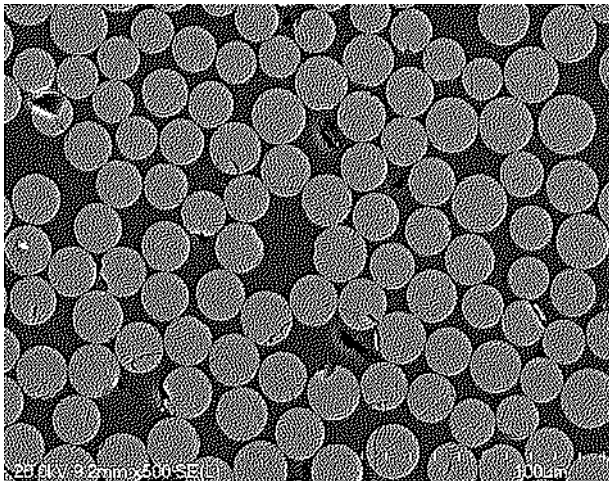
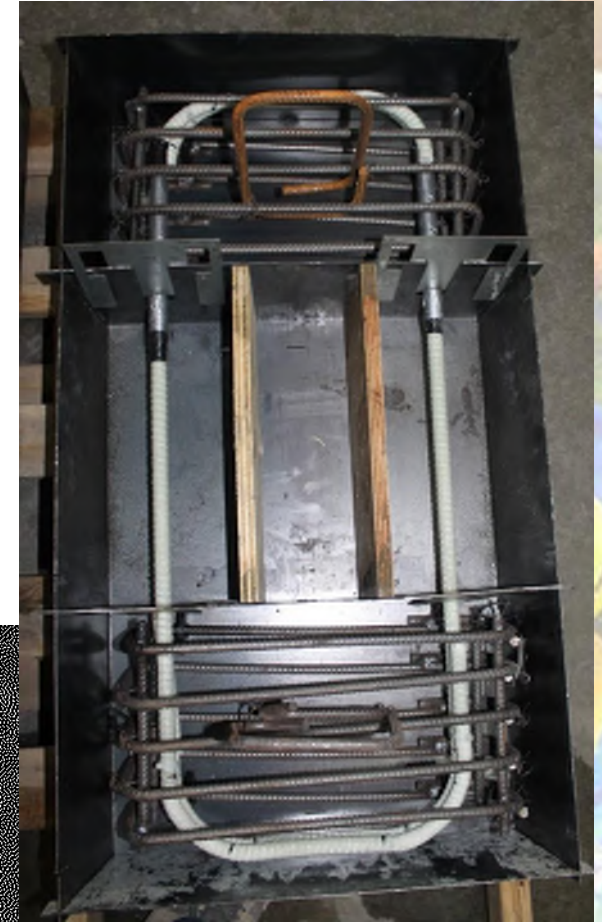




# Recent Developments in GFRP

## Bendable GFRP bars with thermoplastic resins

Property	Thermoplastic bars		
	#3	#5	#6
Tensile strength (MPa)	1,421	1,062	1,033
Tensile modulus (GPa)	65.4	61.5	62.5
Tensile strain (%)	2.17	1.65	2.14
Transverse shear strength, (MPa)	207	186	-
Interlaminar-shear strength, $S_u$ (MPa)	66.6	46.0	45.1
Bond strength (MPa)	-	27.3	-





# Recent Developments in FRP Bars

## Basalt FRP bars with superior resistance to alkali attacks

Property retention after conditioning in alkaline solution for 3 months at 60°C:

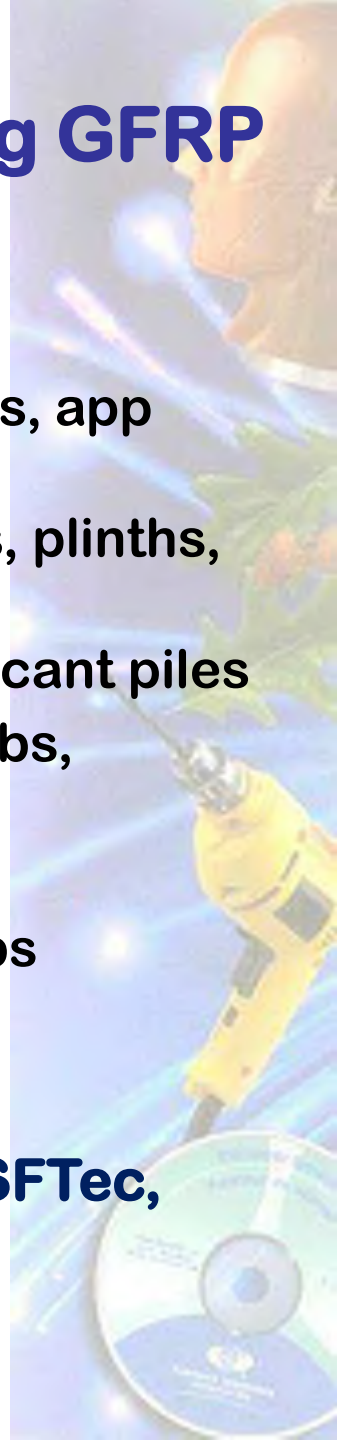
Property	Status	Average (MPa)	Retention (%)
Tensile Strength	Reference	1263	103 %
	Conditioned	1306	
Tensile Modulus	Reference	51.2	100 %
	Conditioned	51.3	
Interlaminar shear strength	Reference	40	107 %
	Conditioned	43	



# Current Field Applications in Canada using GFRP Bars

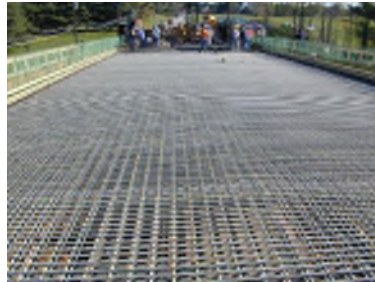
- **Bridges** – decks, barriers/parapets, ret walls, sidewalks, app slabs, precast on ped bridges
- **Transit (LRT/BRT)** – bridge structures, platforms, slabs, plinths, track beds, non-conductive components
- **Tunnelling** – soft-eyes; slurry and D walls, caissons, secant piles
- **Buildings** – distribution slabs, warehouse & heated slabs, garage slabs
- **Precast components** – structural and architectural
- **Hydro/substations** – chambers/vaults, duct banks, slabs

**B&B FRP Manufacturing, Pultrall, TUF-BAR Canada, SFTec, Pultron, etc.**



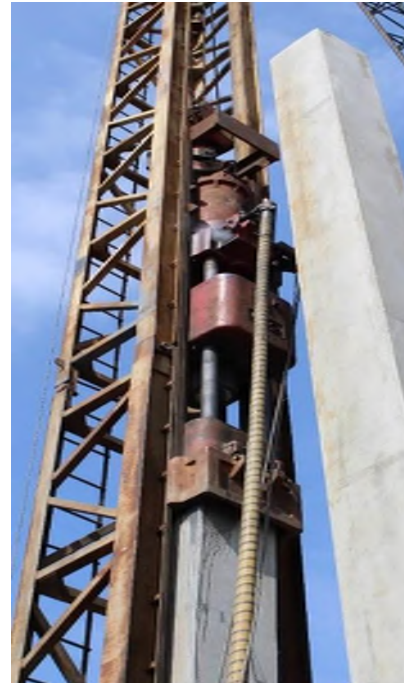


# Recent Application of GFRP reinforcement in Infrastructures

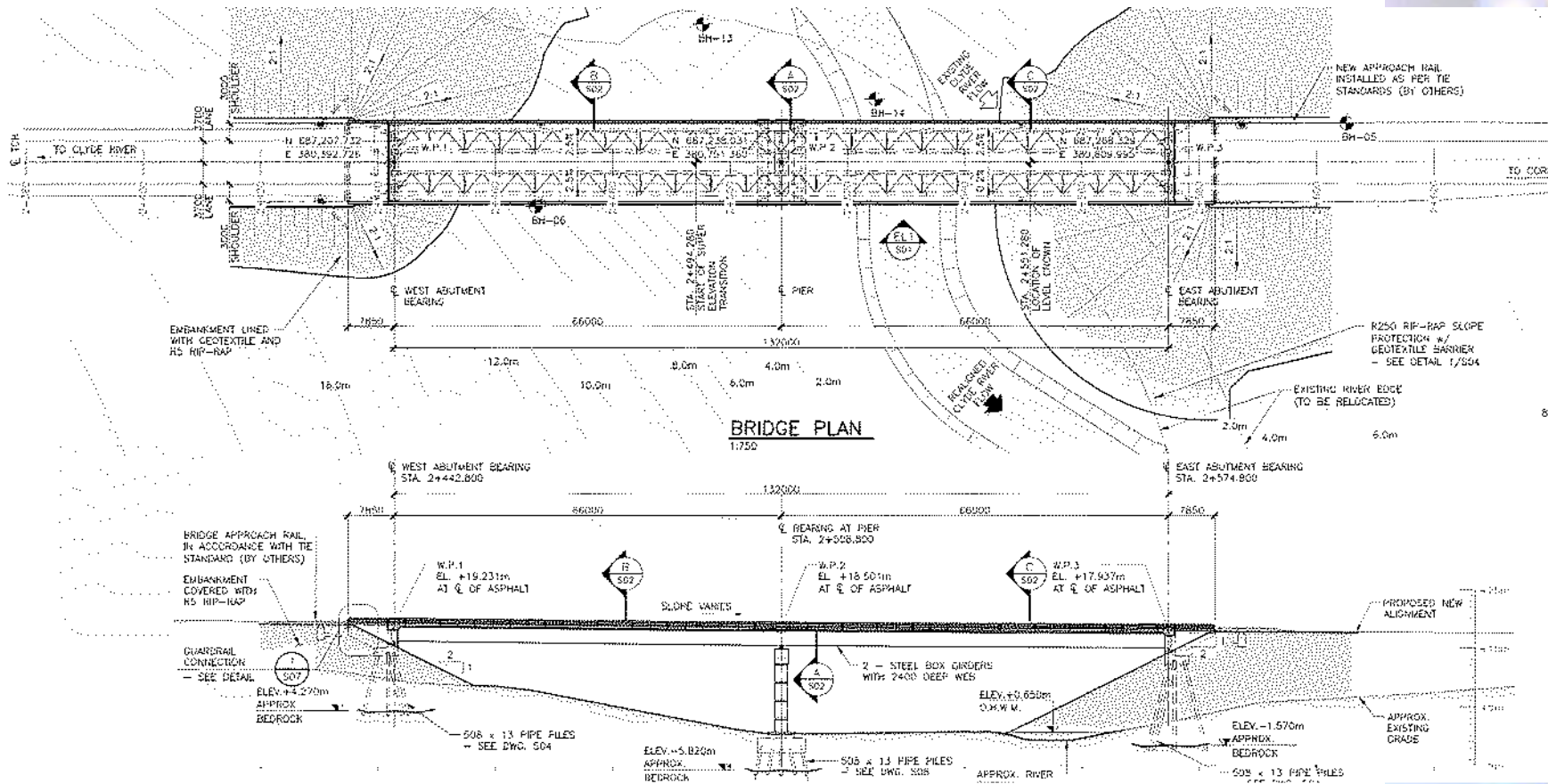




# Recent Application of GFRP reinforcement in Infrastructures



# Clyde River Bridge – Prince Edward Island, Canada



**BRIDGE PLAN**  
1750

**CLYDE RIVER BRIDGE – ABUTMENT GFRP BARS**  
REF. DWG. SHEET 524, 525 & 527

MARK	TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	LENGTH	QTY.
P201	10															2000	378
P202	10															2000	378
P203	10															2000	378
P204	10															2000	378

**CLYDE RIVER BRIDGE – WINGWALL GFRP BARS (CONT.)**  
REF. DWG. SHEET 524 & 527

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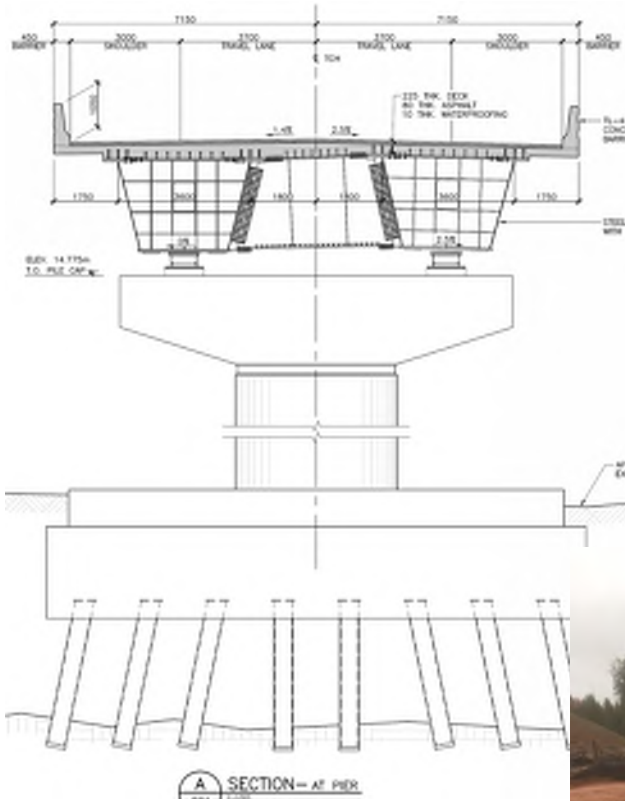
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**CLYDE RIVER BRIDGE – PIER GFRP BARS**  
REF. DWG. SHEET 528 & 529

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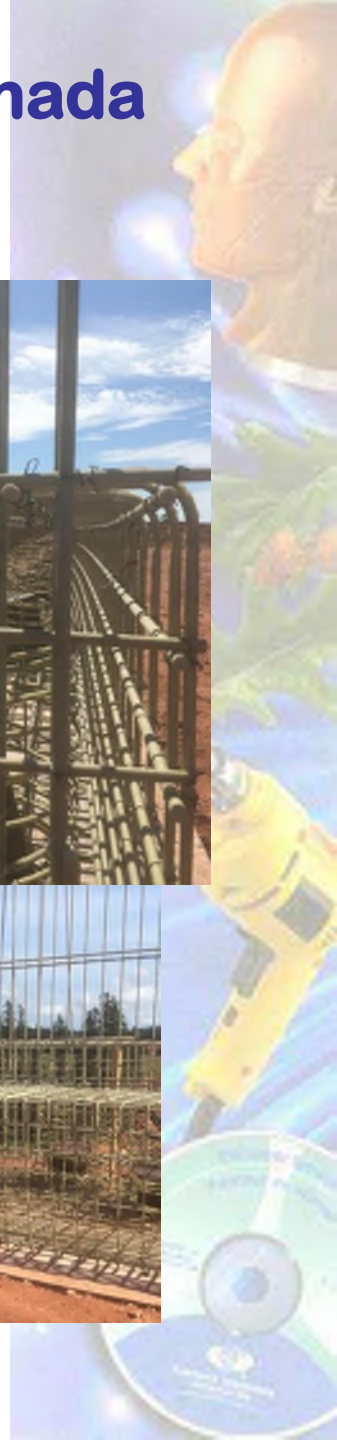


# Clyde River Bridge – Prince Edward Island, Canada



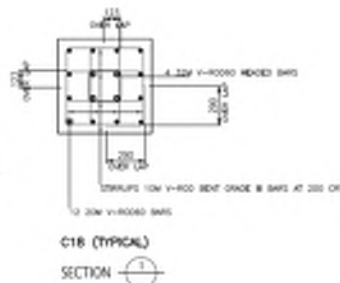
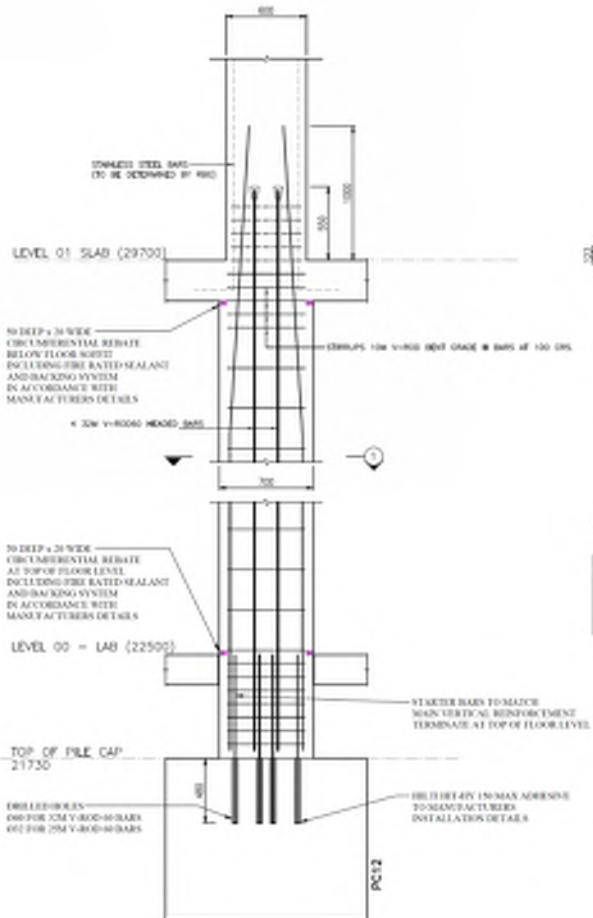
**Owner: Province of Prince Edward Island**

**Contractor: Noye & Noye LTD**





# LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING – Big portion of the building totally reinforced with GFRP

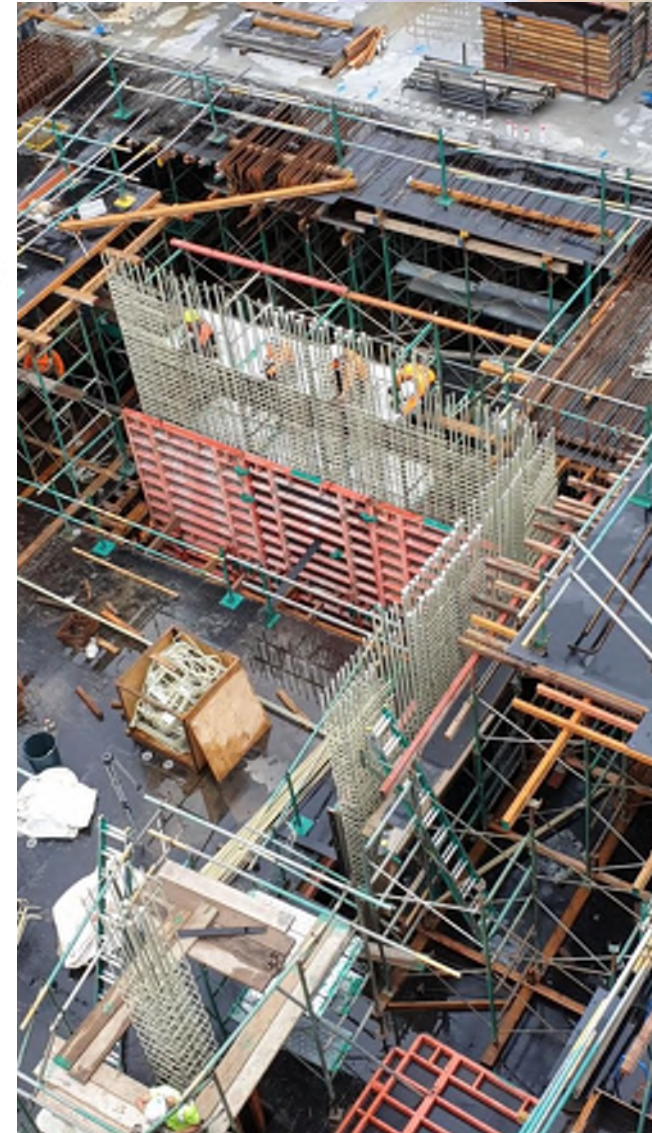
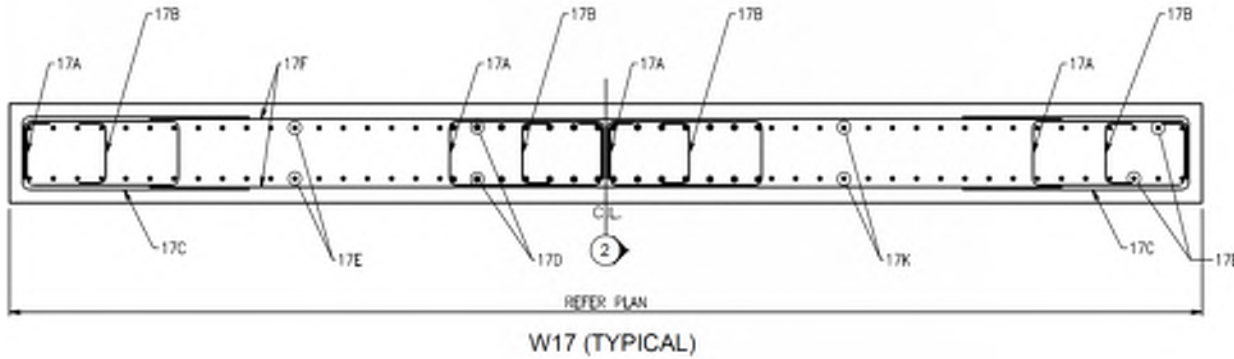


**CONCRETE NOTES**  
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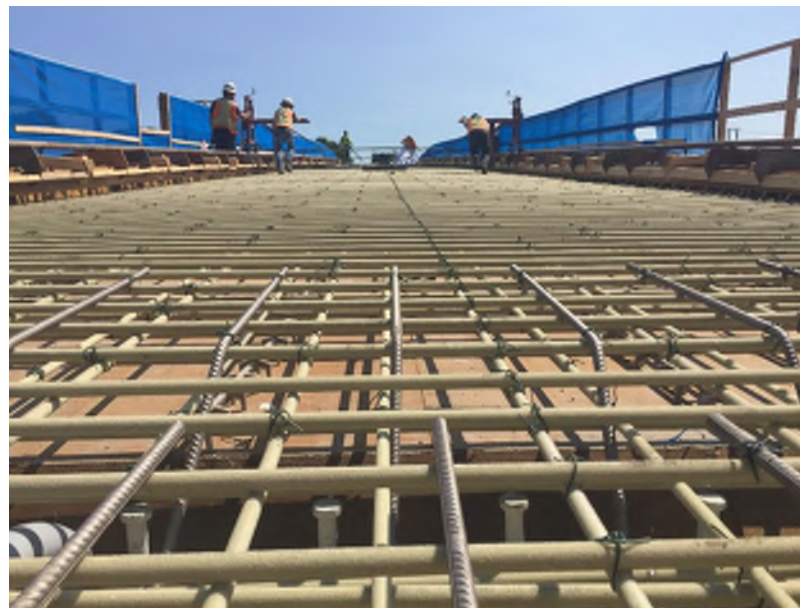


# Recent Projects and New Applications



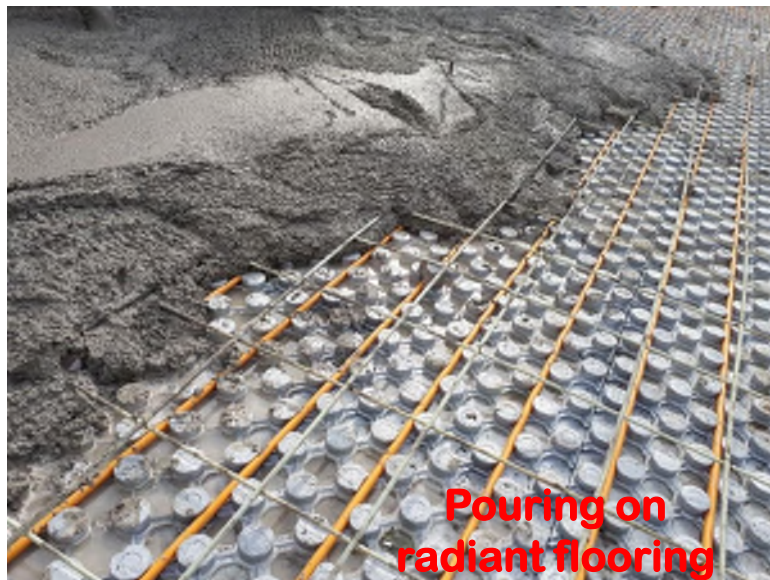
## Example of engineering firms that are familiar with the design using FRP bars:

- WSP,
- AECOM,
- Stephenson Engineering,
- RJC,
- Stantec,
- Mott MacDonald,
- ARUP,
- Moses Structural Eng'rs, Entuitive,
- McIntosh Perry,
- Belanger Eng'r Associated,
- NORR,
- Blackwell Structural Engr's,
- IBI Group,
- EXP, CIMA+,
- GM Blue Plan,
- Parsons,
- AMEC Foster Wheeler,
- Brenik Eng'r,
- Dorlan Eng'r,
- Atkins & Van Groll Eng'rs,
- SNC-Lavalin,
- EMS,
- etc.





# Recent Projects and New Applications





# Recent Projects and New Applications



**Underground Enclosures**





# Recent Projects and New Applications



**Transits  
projects**



# Concluding Remarks

1. Provisions governing testing and evaluation for certification and quality control/assessment, as well as FRP design provisions, are now in place to regulate the materials specifications and design aspects and guide FRP manufacturers and end-users
2. Application of GFRP bar in different concrete structures in Canada has been proved to be very successful to date
3. The concrete structures reinforced with GFRP bars have a first cost almost the same as concrete structures reinforced with epoxy coated or galvanized steel bars. Stainless steel bars are 2 to 4 times more expensive than GFRP bars.

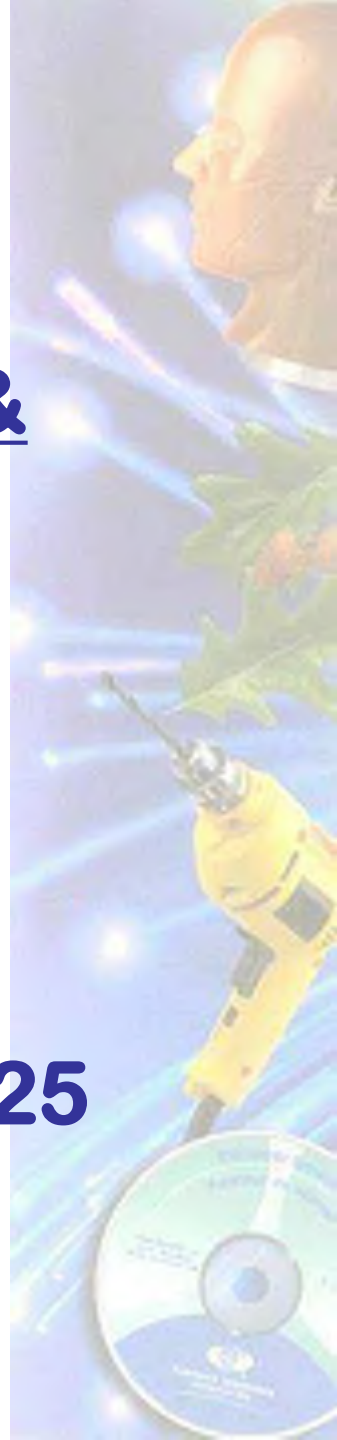


# Concluding Remarks

## Current Applications in Bridges & Buildings

### Status

- **Very good structural behaviour**
- **Excellent short-term durability ( $\approx 25$  years)**





**Thank you for your attention**

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# 3-Span GFRP-RC Flat-Slab Bridge and Novel Seawall over Ibis Waterway

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# 3-SPAN GFRP-RC FLAT SLAB BRIDGE AND NOVEL SEAWALL OVER IBIS WATERWAY

## Agenda

- Existing Bridge Conditions
- Proposed Bridge Replacement
- Codes and Specifications
- GFRP-RC Continuous Flat Slab
  - Bending Moment Capacity
  - Crack Width Verification & Long-Term Deflection
  - Shear Capacity
- GFRP-RC Bent Cap Design
- GFRP-RC Soldier Wall – Precast Panel
- GFRP Construction Lesson Learns
- Estimated Construction Costs of GFRP



# THANK YOU

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# Existing Bridge Conditions



## 3-Span GFRP-RC Flat-Slab Bridge and Novel Seawall over Ibis Waterway

**Built in 1950**

**Three-Span Reinforced Concrete T-Beams**

**Concrete bents supported on 30-in circular concrete piles**

**Coastal Bridge – extremely aggressive marine environment**

**Load Restricted Bridge (29 tons)**

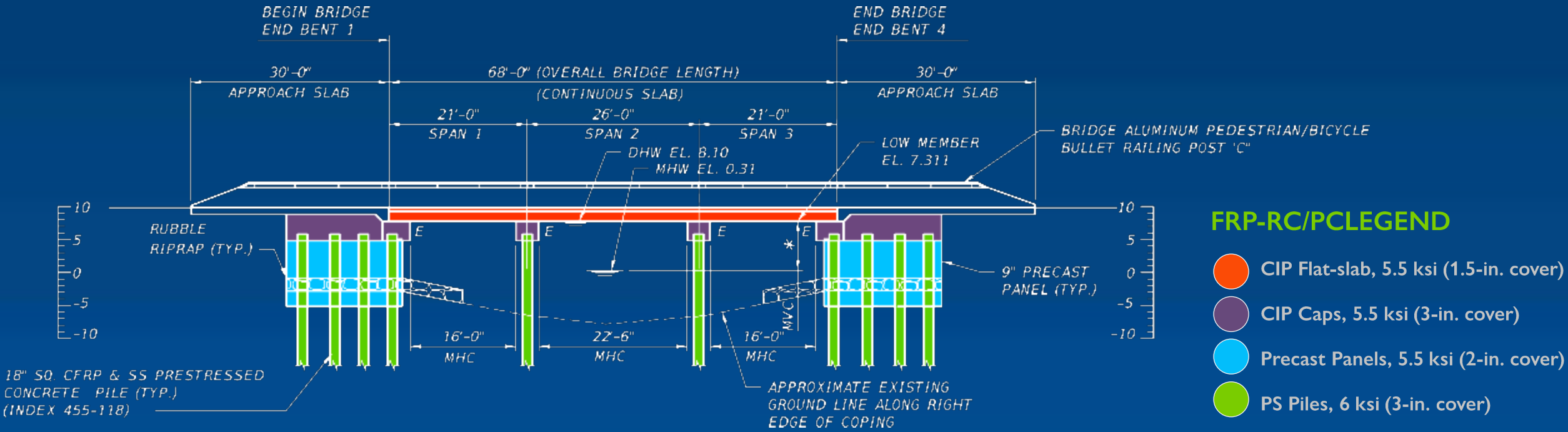
**Age related deterioration evident in substructure/foundation (spalls with some delamination and pile jackets at intermediate bents)**



*Load Restricted*



# Proposed Bridge Replacement



## 3-span continuous CIP 16-in Flat Slab (21'-26'-21')

## CIP Concrete Bents (42-in wide x 36-in deep)

## 9-in Precast Concrete Panels at abutments & bulkheads

## CFRP & SS Prestressed Concrete Piles

- 5.5 KSI Concrete
- Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer
- 1.5-in cover

- 5.5 KSI Concrete
- Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer
- 3-in cover

- 5.5 KSI Concrete
- Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer
- 2-in cover

- FDOT Standard 455-101 & 455-118



# Codes and Specifications used in Design

AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications for GFRP – Reinforced Concrete Bridge Deck and Traffic Railings, November 2009

FDOT Structures Manual, January 2018

Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code, CSA S6-14, Section 16.8.7

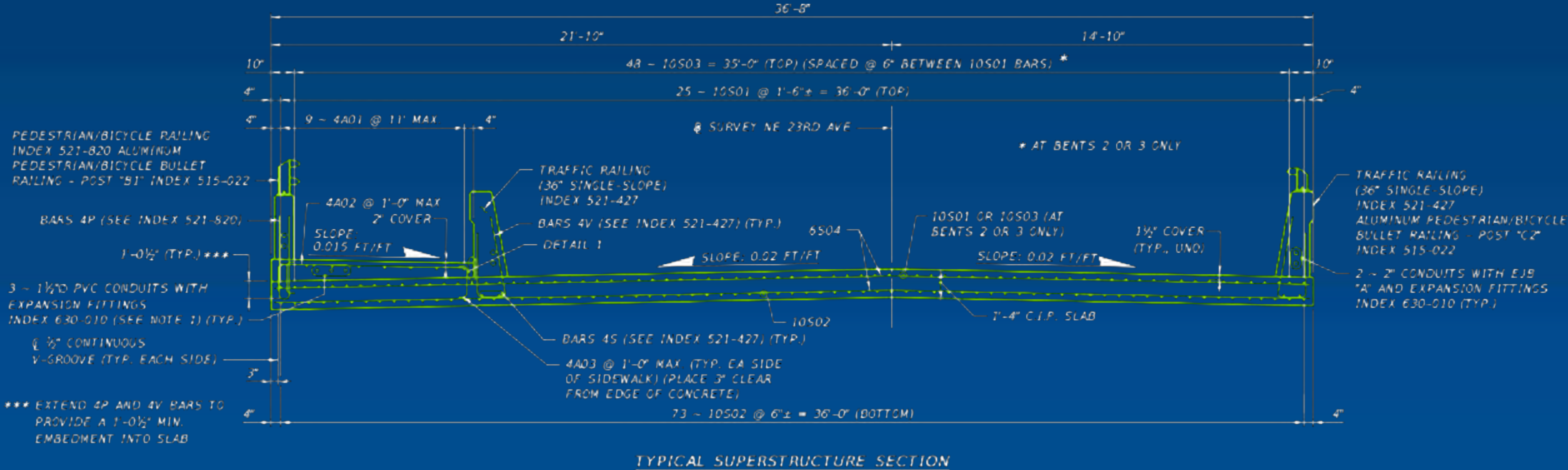
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AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

ACI Guide for the Design and Construction of Structural Concrete FRP Bars, ACI 440.1R-15

FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, January 2019

# Continuous Flat Slab Design



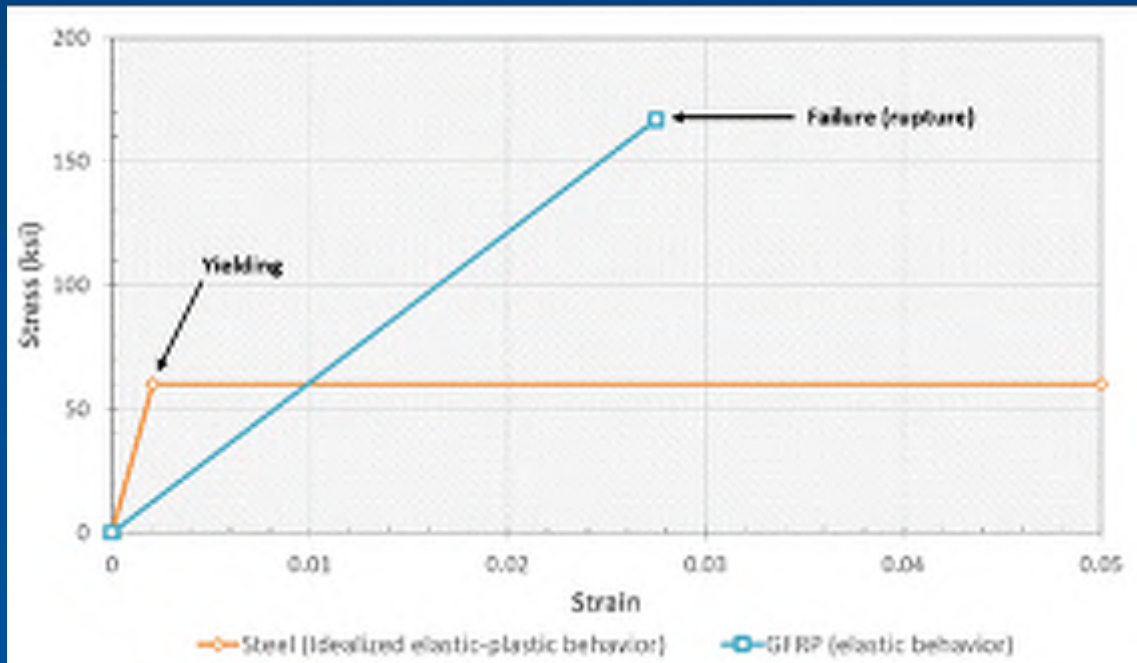
## COMPARISON CHART BETWEEN CARBON STEEL AND GFRP DESIGN

LOCATION	CARBON STEEL	GFRP
<b>POSITIVE MOMENT (BOTTOM SLAB)</b>	#7 @ 6 in.	#10 @ 6 in.
<b>NEGATIVE MOMENT (TOP SLAB)</b>	#7 @ 6 in.	#10 @ 6 in.
<b>SHEAR REINFORCEMENT</b>	NOT REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED
<b>LONG TERM DEFLECTION</b>	0.11 in.	0.45 in.

# Continuous Flat Slab Design

## ➤ Comparing Bending Moment Capacity in the Slab:

Stress-Strain Curve (Steel vs. GFRP)



GFRP Size and Tensile Loads – FDOT Standard Specifications

Table 3-1  
Sizes and Tensile Loads of FRP Reinforcing Bars

Bar Size Designation	Nominal Bar	Nominal Cross	Measured Cross-Sectional Area		Minimum Guaranteed Tensile Load	
			(in <sup>2</sup> )		(kips)	
	Diameter (in)	Sectional Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	Minimum	Maximum	GFRP Bars	CFRP Bars
2	0.250	0.049	0.046	0.085	6.1	10.3
3	0.375	0.11	0.104	0.161	13.2	20.9
4	0.500	0.20	0.185	0.263	21.6	33.3
5	0.625	0.31	0.288	0.388	29.1	49.1
6	0.750	0.44	0.415	0.539	40.9	70.7
7	0.875	0.60	0.565	0.713	54.1	-
8	1.000	0.79	0.738	0.913	66.8	-
9	1.128	1.00	0.934	1.137	82.0	-
10	1.270	1.27	1.154	1.385	98.2	-

**Tensile strength calculated as:**  
**Guaranteed Tensile Load x C<sub>E</sub>**  
**For #10 bars = 54ksi**



# Continuous Flat Slab Design

## ➤ Comparing Bending Moment Capacity in the Slab:

GFRP

The nominal moment capacity is: [AASHTO GFRP 2009, 2.9.3.2.2-1, 2.9.3.2.2-3]

$$M_{nAASHTO\_1slab} = A_{fl,slab} f_{fl,slab} \left[ d_{fl,slab} - \frac{A_{fl,slab}}{2} \right] \text{ if } \rho_{fl,slab} \geq \rho_{fl,slab}$$

Recall the strength reduction factor for slabs:  
[AASHTO GFRP 2009, 2.12.1.2.1]

$\phi_{T \text{ bar1,slab}} = 0.55$

The design flexural strength is computed as:

$$\phi_{T \text{ bar1,slab}} M_{nAASHTO\_1slab} = 78 \text{ kip-ft}$$

Capacity of GFRP-  
#10@6"

NOTE: #10@6" would provide a moment capacity of 139 k-ft (steel) vs 78 k-ft (GFRP)

Resistance Factor

Steel

$\phi = 0.90$

$$M_{r,prov} = \phi \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_s - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f'_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$$

$$= 0.9 \times 1,200 \times 60 \times \left[ 13.563 - \frac{1}{2} \times \left( \frac{1,200 \times 60}{0.85 \times 5.5 \times 12} \right) \right]$$

$$= 69,772 \text{ kip-ft}$$

Capacity of Steel-  
#7@6"

# Continuous Flat Slab Design

## ➤ Crack Width Verification and Long-Term Deflection in the Slab:

Modulus of Elasticity of Steel = **29,000 ksi**

Modulus of Elasticity of GFRP = **6,500 ksi**

Crack Width

Deflection

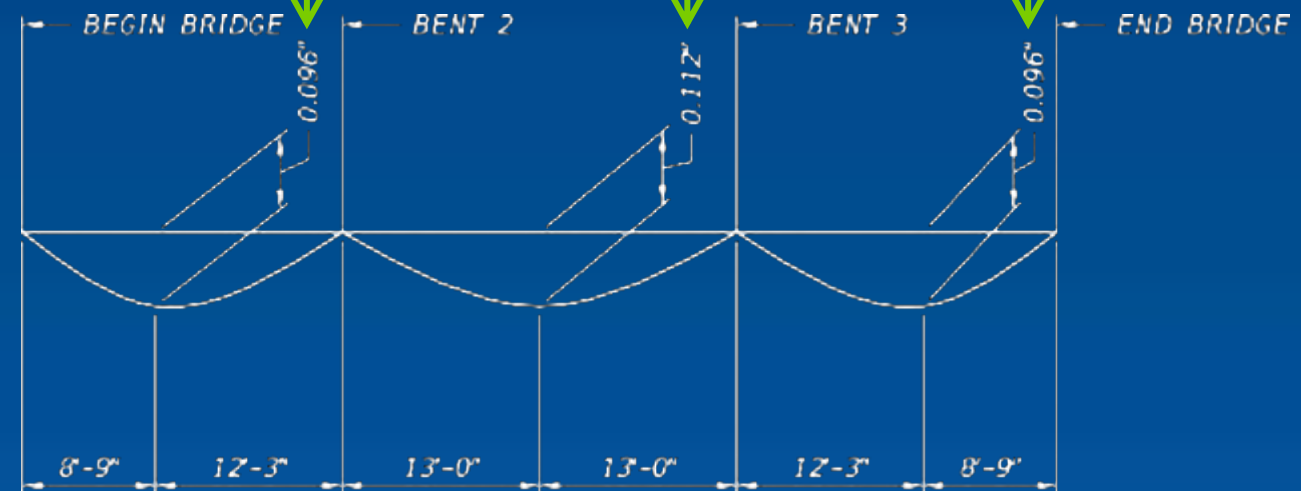
Much larger deflection in GFRP design due to low modulus of elasticity.

Deflection Ratio (GFRP/Steel) = ~4

.384"

.448"

.384"



The crack width under service loads is: [ANSI/ITO GFRP2009, 2.9.3.4-1]

$$w_{l,slab} := 2 \frac{f_{t,slab}}{E_{f,slab}} \beta_{II,slab} k_b \sqrt{d_{c,slab}^2 + \left( \frac{f_{t,bar,slab}}{2} \right)^2} = 0.021 \text{ in}$$

Crack width independent of concrete strength

Crack width limited to 0.028 in.

### DEAD LOAD DEFLECTION DIAGRAM

CAMBER THE FORMS TO COMPENSATE FOR THE COMBINED EFFECT OF THE FORMS AND THE LONG TERM DEAD LOAD DEFLECTION OF THE SLAB.

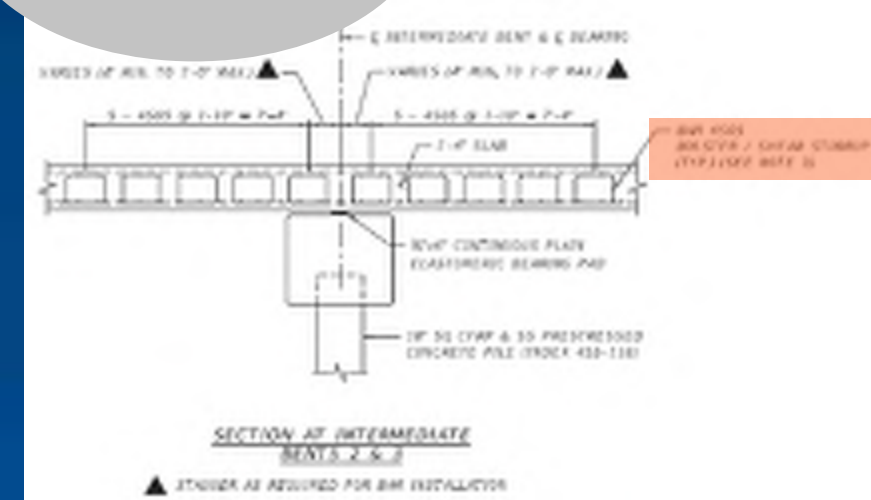
# Continuous Flat Slab Design

## ➤ Shear Capacity in the Slab:

Initial design prior to application of the Canadian Code

$c_{1,slab} := \frac{h_{n,slab}}{\beta_{1,super}} = 4.1 \text{ in}$       neutral axis depth at support  
 $V_{c1,slab} := 0.16 \sqrt{f_{c,super} \text{ ksi}} b_{slab} c_{1,slab} = 16.8 \text{ kip}$       [AASHTO GFRP 2009, 2.10.3.2.1-1]  
 Resistance factor  $\phi_v$  for shear is 0.75      [AASHTO GFRP 2009, 2.7.4.2]  
 $\phi_v V_{c1,slab} = 12.6 \text{ kip}$

Shear Capacity per AASHTO GFRP 2009



$f_{cr,slab} := 0.4 \sqrt{\frac{f_{c,super} \text{ ksi}}{\text{ksi}}} = 0.9 \text{ ksi}$       Cracking Strength of Concrete  
 $V_{c1,slab} := 2.5 \beta f_{cr,slab} b_{slab} d_v = 32.9 \text{ kip}$       [ACI Structural Journal, equation (4)]  
 $V_{c2,slab} := 2.5 \beta f_{cr,slab} b_{slab} d_v = 32.9 \text{ kip}$       [ACI Structural Journal, equation (4)]  
 Resistance factor  $\phi_v$  for shear is 0.75      [AASHTO GFRP 2009, 2.7.4.2]  
 $\phi_v V_{c1,slab} = 24.7 \text{ kip}$

Shear Capacity almost doubled assuming the Canadian Code

Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code—CSA S6-06<sup>15</sup> specifies an algorithm for  $V_c$  that is based on the MCFT<sup>13</sup> and is herein given in the following corrected<sup>20,41</sup> form

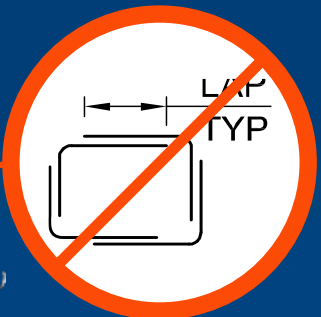
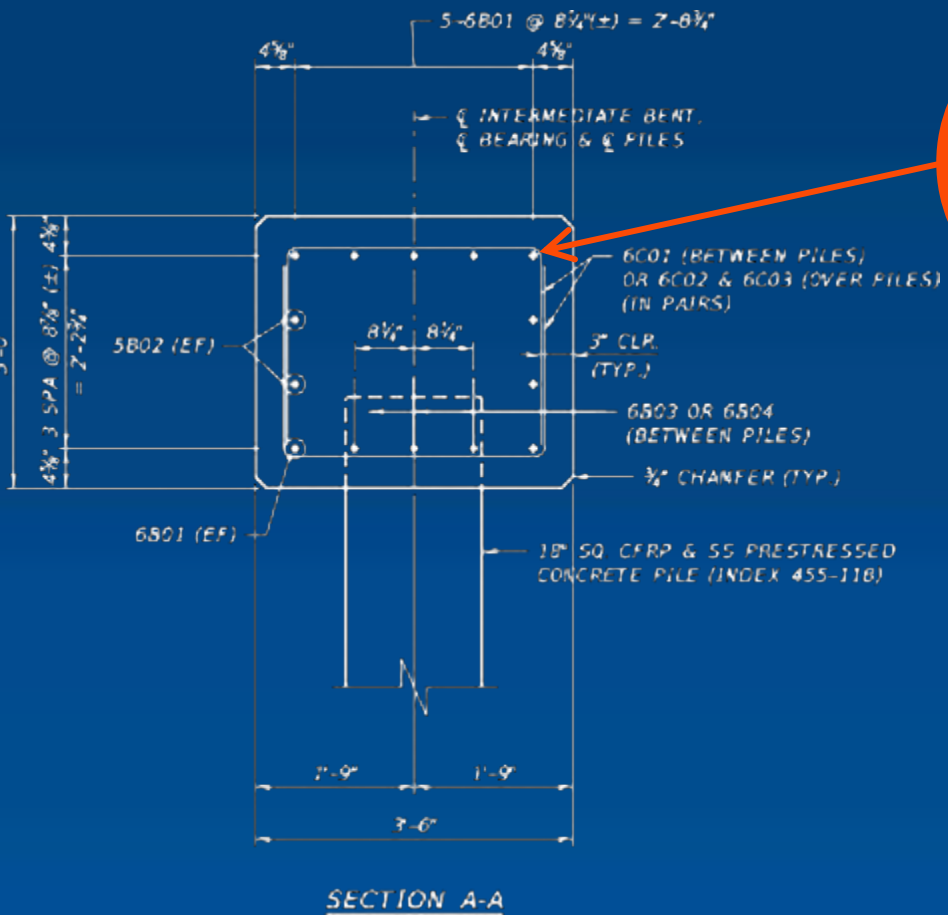
$$V_c = 2.5 \beta f_{cr} b_w d_v \quad (4)$$

$$\beta = \left( \frac{0.4}{1 + 1500 \epsilon_x} \right) \left( \frac{1300}{1000 + s_{cr}} \right)$$

Shear Capacity equation per the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code

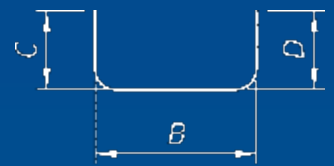


# End Bent/Intermediate Bent Cap

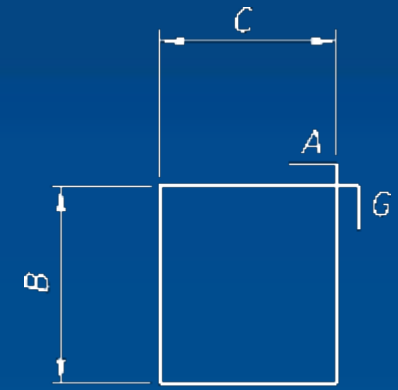


Specify pairs of U-bars rather than closed stirrups

GFRP bar layout at Intermediate bent 2



TYPE II



TYPE 4



## COMPARISON CHART BETWEEN CARBON STEEL AND GFRP DESIGN

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POSITIVE MOMENT (BOTTOM REINFORCEMENT)	4#6	5#6
NEGATIVE MOMENT (TOP REINFORCEMENT)	4#6	5#6
SHEAR REINFORCEMENT (STIRRUPS)	#5 @ 11 in.	#6 @ 8 in.

# Soldier Pile Walls – Precast panels

## ➤ Fatigue and Creep Rupture Limit

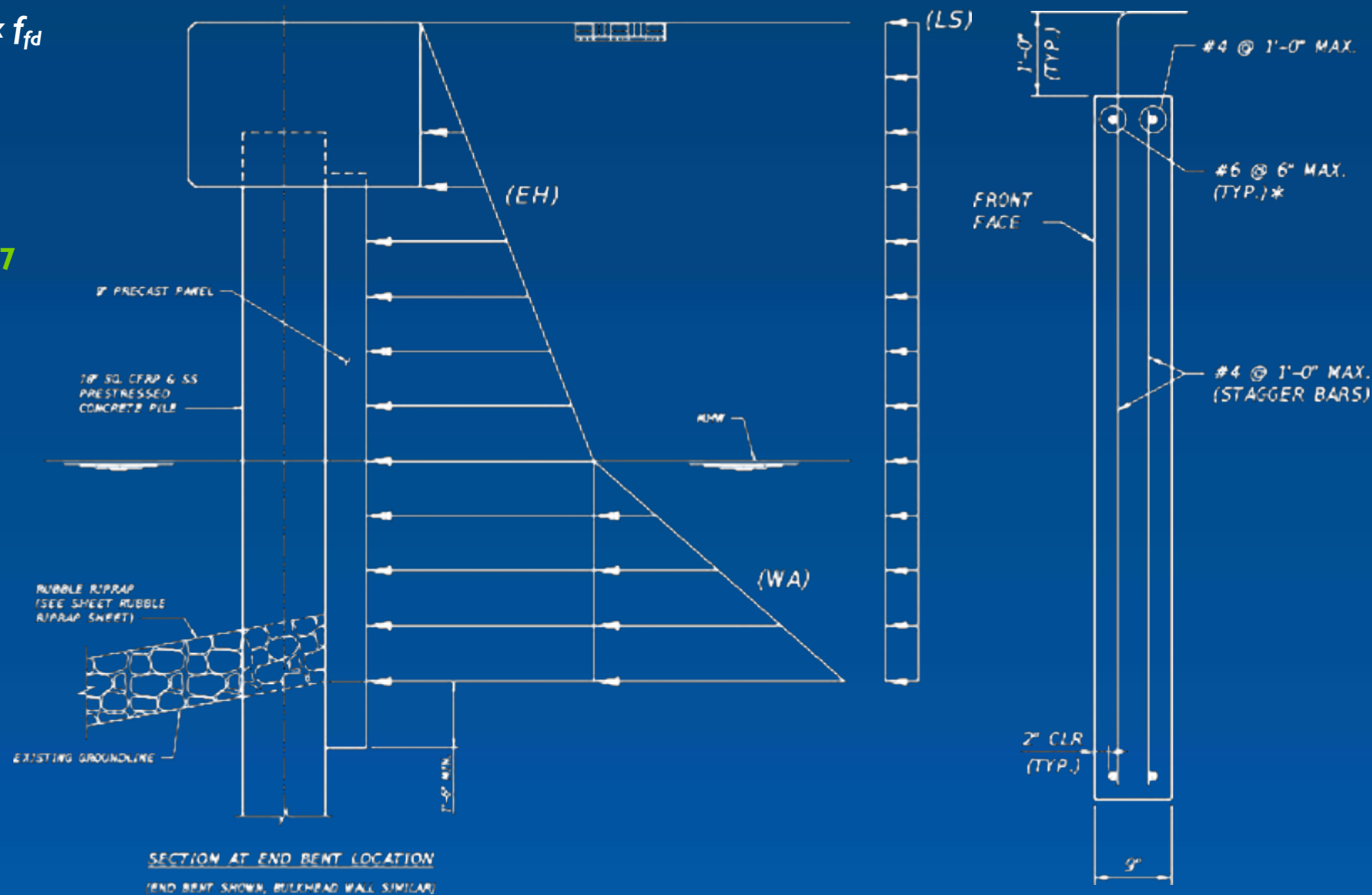
$$\text{SERVICE} = 1.0\text{EH} + 1.0\text{WA} + 0.2\text{LS}$$

$$\text{Maximum sustained tensile stress: } f_{fs} \leq C_C \times f_{fd}$$

Where:

$C_C$  is the Creep rupture reduction factor, equal to 0.3

$f_{fd}$  is the guaranteed tensile strength  $\times$  environment reduction factor, equal to 0.7



Precast panels installed at End Bent 4

# GFRP Construction Lesson Learns:

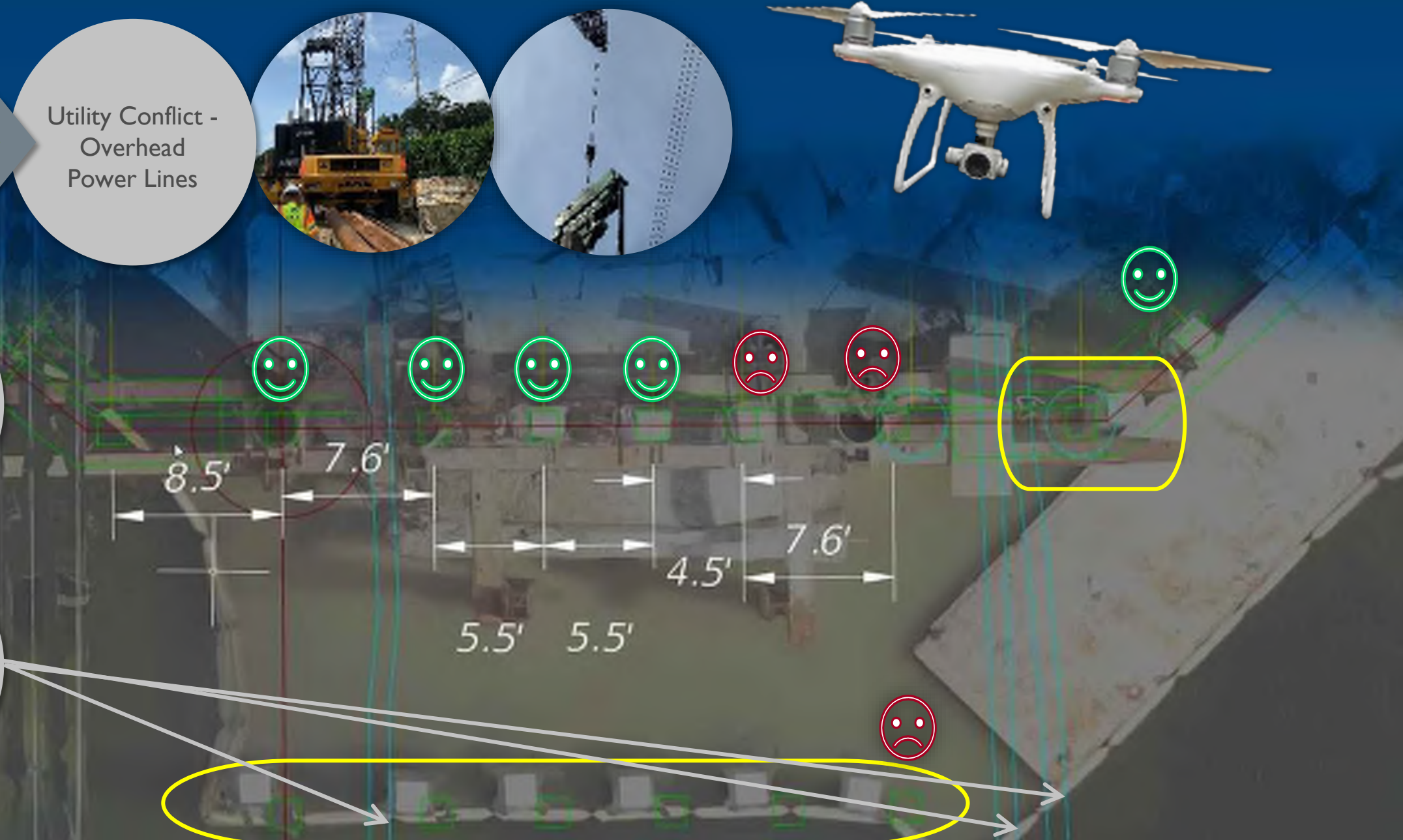
**Pile Driving**

Utility Conflict -  
Overhead  
Power Lines



Pile Location  
Verification

Underground  
Force Main and  
Water Mains





# GFRP Construction Lesson Learns:

**Transportation,  
Delivery &  
Handling**



Transportation  
and Delivery



Damaged Panels  
during construction



# GFRP Construction Lesson Learns:

*The light weight of GFRP allows for much easier installation, less demand on workers, and much more time efficient*

**Considerations  
in Construction  
Time and  
Schedule:**

No Field Bending –  
No room for  
deviation

GFRP bars not  
readily available

Requires 6-8 weeks  
for manufacturing

Not available locally –  
account for  
transportation time  
and cost



# Estimated Construction Costs of GFRP

## GFRP AS-BID CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Pay Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars, #5 Bar	LF	2,804	\$0.99	\$2,775.96
Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars, #6 Bar	LF	11,110	\$1.68	\$18,664.80
Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars, #8 Bar	LF	2,081	\$2.29	\$4,765.49
Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars, #10 Bar	LF	8,610	\$4.37	\$37,625.70
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF GFRP (Slab, Bents, & bulkheads)				\$63,831.95

\$1.68 (winning bid)

Cost of GFRP

**NOTE:**  
50% increase in the cost of GFRP. However this contributes only a 1% increase in the overall cost of the bridge

## REINFORCING STEEL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Pay Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
Reinforcing Steel - Superstructure	LB	27,605	\$1.00	\$27,605.00
Reinforcing Steel - Substructure	LB	8,579	\$1.00	\$8,579.00
Reinforcing Steel - Bulkhead	LB	6,005	\$1.00	\$6,005.30
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF REINFORCING STEEL (Slab, Bents, & bulkheads)				\$42,189.30

\$1.16 (traffic railings)

Cost of Steel

**OTHER BENEFITS**

- Durability (100+ yrs)
- No corrosion-related maintenance
- Lightweight (Construction workmanship & time-efficiency)

Typically \$2.00



3-SPAN GFRP-RC FLAT SLAB BRIDGE AND NOVEL SEAWALL OVER IBIS WATERWAY

QUESTIONS?



# 2020 ACI CONCRETE CONVENTION - A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE -

## FIELD APPLICATIONS OF NON-CONVENTIONAL REINFORCING AND STRENGTHENING METHODS FOR BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES

**5,000 Feet (1.6 km) GFRP-RC Seawall/Bulkhead protects  
State-Highway A1A along Flagler Beach, Florida - USA**

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THE WORLD'S GATHERING PLACE FOR ADVANCING CONCRETE



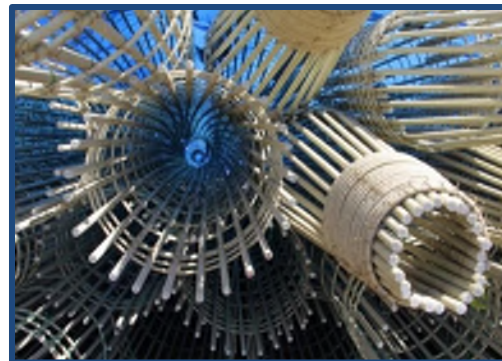


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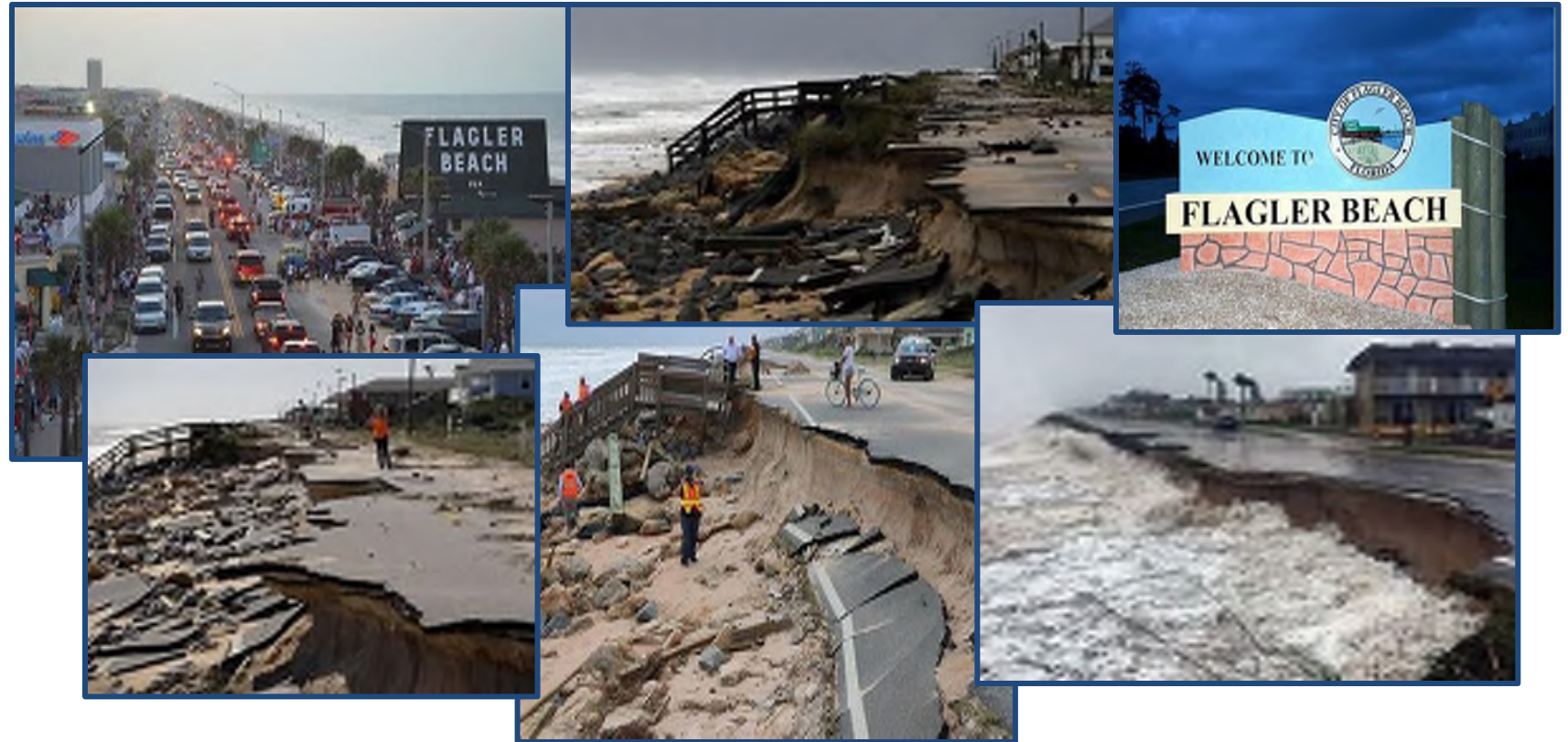
## Hurricane Matthew in 2016 impacted Flagler Beach, FL



*Remains left in the wake of Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Destructive forces at work resulted in the “wash-out “ and destruction of the essential State Road A1A, which is an Evacuation Route and is Critical to the Infrastructure.*



- ❖ Severe corrosion damage of existing steel sheet-pile bulkheads and extensive erosion damage of adjacent sand dune systems.
- ❖ Implementation of intervention, to avoid future collapse-type of damage to SR-A1A, along Flagler Beach.



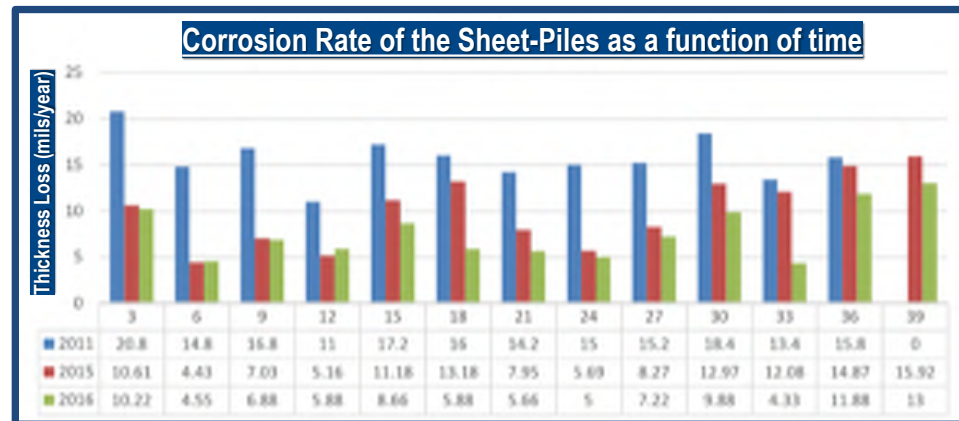
The most recent damage from Hurricane Matthew in 2016, resulted in severe damage and undermining of almost one mile of the State Highway (SR-A1A).

# STEEL SHEET-PILE WALL THICKNESS EVALUATIONS (BY OTHERS)

## State Road A1A (SR-A1A), Flagler Beach, Florida - Seawall Summary of Findings and Results

Wall-Thickness Evaluation of SR-A1A Sheet Pile Retaining Wall at Flagler Beach (January 8, 2016)

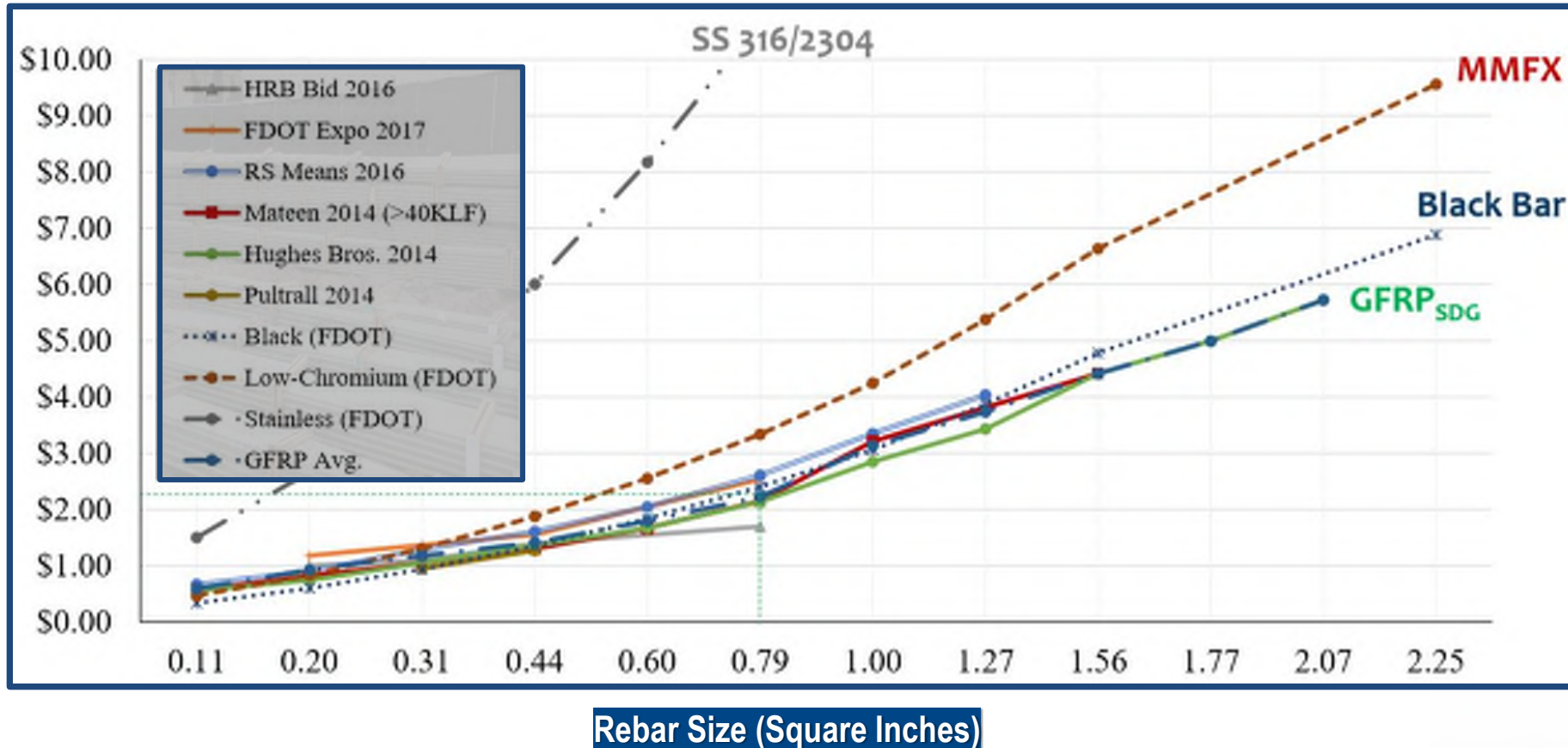
- ❖ "...If the corrosion progresses at the current rate, in the next 3 years many piles will start losing the sacrificial steel and no piles will have any sacrificial steel remaining in the next 7 years."
- ❖ Average section-loss up to 13 mils/year > 2 times SDG 3.1





# STEEL-REINFORCING vs. GFRP-REBAR Cost Comparison (Published and FDOT Bid-Estimates)

Installed Cost per Linear Foot



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# STATE ROAD A1A (SR-A1A), FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA - ALTERNATIVES SELECTION

Alt. No.	Seawall/Bulkhead-Type Description	Wall Cost per Linear Foot	Weighted Scores				Total Score	Final Rank
			Cost 50%	RUI 25%	Const. 5%	Maint. 20%		
1	36 Inch Diameter Secant-Pile Wall (Steel-Rebars)	\$ 2,123.16	250	86	25	50	411	2
2	36 Inch Diameter Secant-Pile Wall (GFRP-Bars)	\$2,308.00	230	86	25	100	441	1
3	Anchored Steel Sheet-Pile Wall (Sections)	\$2,146.63	247	125	8	25	406	3
4	Double Cantilever Sheet-Pile Wall (Sections)	\$2,790.81	190	94	13	33	330	4

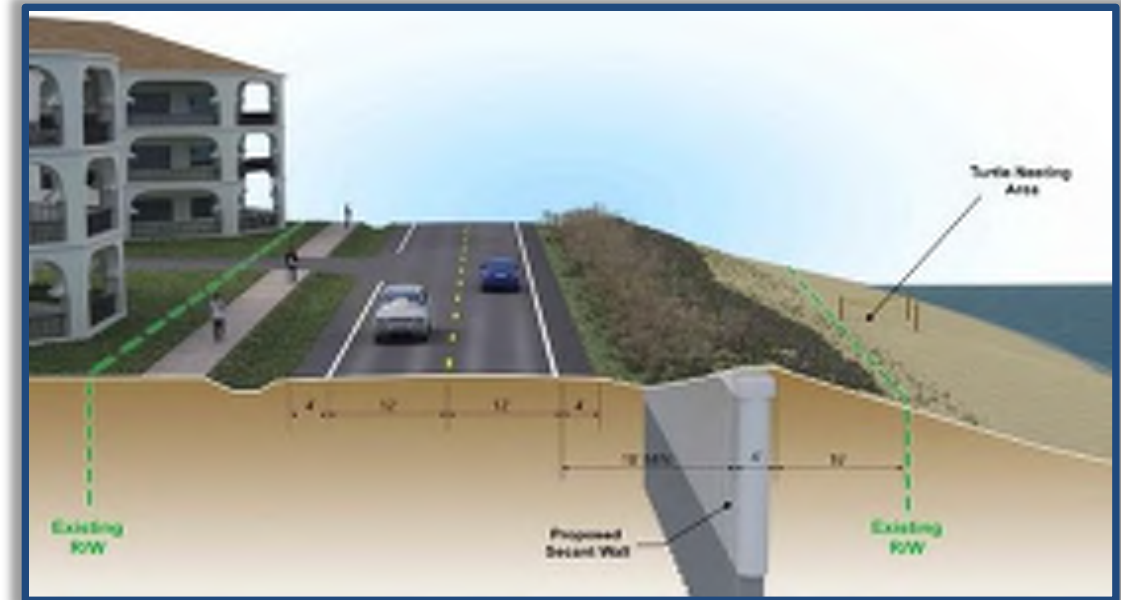
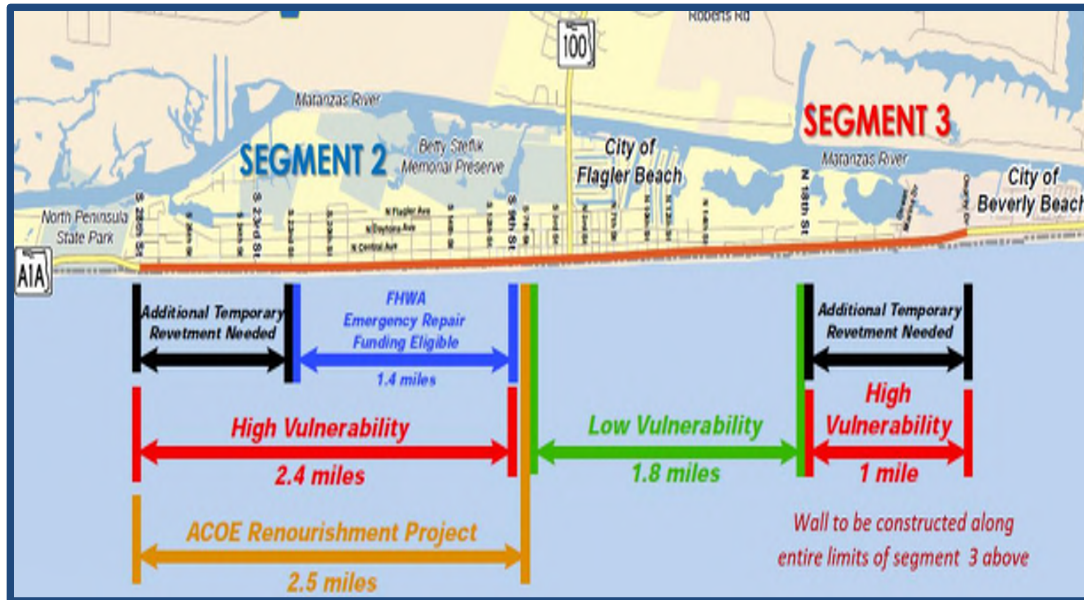
**Note:** State Road A1A (SR-A1A) Segment-3 Seawall/Bulkhead Feasibility-Study Cost Comparison (Report Update completed in 2017). Data provided, as published by FDOT, with Alternatives Selection Process shown. The GFRP Alternative 2 was selected.

**Table 1:** State Road A1A (SR-A1A) Seawall/Bulkhead-Type Alternatives considered and ranked for construction to fortify the Evacuation-Route (Zone-A) and Dune-System

This **Alternative-2** was selected, due to the corrosion-resistant GFRP’s reinforcing, relative “ease” of construction (the site conditions have Coquina Rock, i.e. difficult to drive sheet-pile sheeting), less equipment requirements, relative “fast” speed of construction installation, since no pre-drilling is required, and less community impact, due to less vibration and noise.



# STATE ROAD A1A (SR-A1A), FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA - VULNERABILITY LIMITS



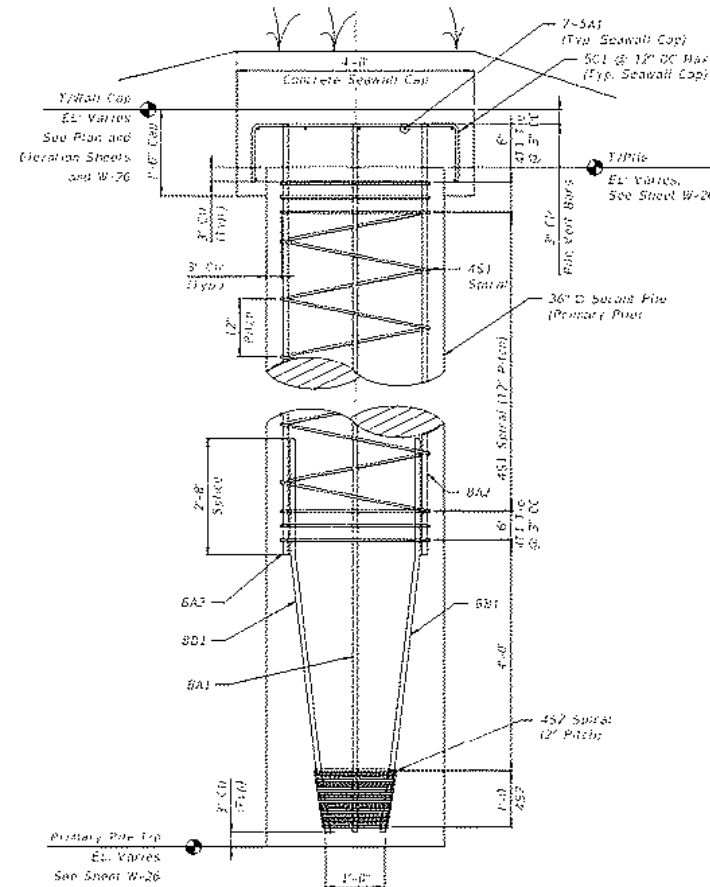
*The most recent damage from Hurricane Matthew in 2016, resulted in severe damage and undermining of almost one mile of the State Highway A1A. The Recovery-Phase includes the building of a Secant-Pile Seawall/Bulkhead along the High Vulnerability Limits in Segment-3, with additional temporary revetment needed.*

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## Utilization of GFRP bars for reinforcing

- ❖ 4920' length of Secant Pile seawall with GFRP reinforcement long-term durability and additional corrosion protection.
- ❖ First FDOT project with greater than one million linear feet of GFRP reinforcing bar.
- ❖ Utilization of GFRP bars in lieu of traditional Grade-60 steel rebar in the secant pile which are tipped in a high chloride content sand and water table, and top periodically exposed to salt spray when exposed.



**PRIMARY PILE & CAP SECTION (SHOWN)**  
**INTERMEDIATE PILE WITH SINGLE CENTER BAR ONLY**



## GFRP Secant-Pile Cage-Assemblies Documented

- ❖ Note the layout of the **GFRP** bars and (toe-ends)
- ❖ One tension-type **GFRP** bar in the center of the Secant-Piles will be installed in the field (“wet-insert”)
- ❖ Alternate piles will only receive one center **GFRP** bar
- ❖ **GFRP-Ties** are not Steel Wire-Ties (see Pictures)
- ❖ **GFRP Cage-Assembly** was “quick” and “lightweight”





The **GFRP bars** and **Cementitious Materials with Grout Fluidifier** are expected to significantly reduce the maintenance and repair costs over the life cycle of the seawall/bulkhead project and were instrumental in the rapid installation time of the **GFRP-Cages** due to the **GFRP bars light-weight and fluidity** (“mid-range” grout fluidifier) of the concrete-grout. **Product performance testing** indicates a **70%** improvement of water retentivity, per **ASTM C-941**, **0%** bleeding and **2% to 3%** expansion, per **ASTM C-940** and a normal setting time, per **ASTM C-953**. The **GFRP Laboratory Testing Results Summary** for Lot-1, Lot-2 and Lot-3 are shown below:

Test Prefix	Standard Test Method	Laboratory Test Descriptions	Laboratory Test Results				FDOT Section 932-3, Table 3-4 Requirements
			Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Mean	
DSC	ASTM E2160	Degree of Cure, %	98	100	100	99.3	≥ 95
	ASTM D3418	Glass Transition Temperature, °F	225	275	256	252	≥ 212
FC	ASTM D2584	Fiber Content (by weight), g	84	84	84	84	≥ 70
MAS	ASTM D570	Moisture Absorption (short term), %	0.17	0.18	0.12	0.16	≤ 0.25
MXA	ASTM D792	Measured Cross-Sectional Area for No. 8 bar, in. <sup>2</sup>	0.818	0.825	0.803	0.815	> 0.738 < 0.913
TNS	ASTM D7205/D7205M	Guaranteed Tensile Load, kip	111.4	93.6	104.3	103.1	> 66.8
		Tensile Modulus of Elasticity, ksi	8280	7980	7600	7950	≥ 6500

**Note:** °C = (°F – 32) / 1.8 ; 1 g = 0.04 oz. ; 1 in.<sup>2</sup> = 645 mm<sup>2</sup> ; 1 kip = 4.4 kN ; 1 ksi = 6.9 MPa

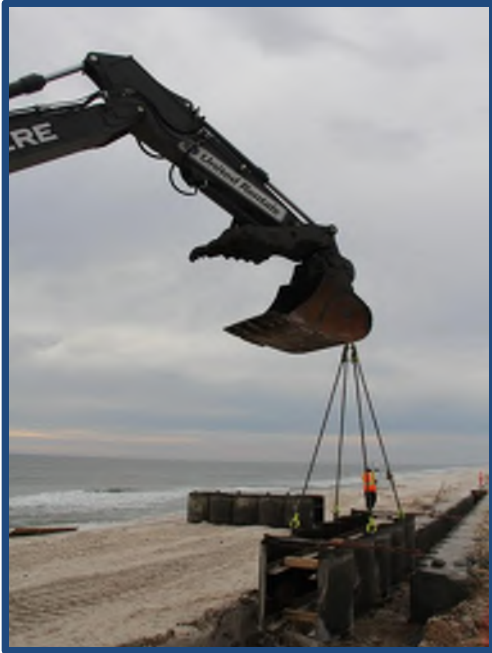
**Laboratory Testing compliance of GFRP rebars**, with respect to FDOT Specifications, was demonstrated and *Laboratory Test Results have surpassed the minimum specified requirements with great margin.*



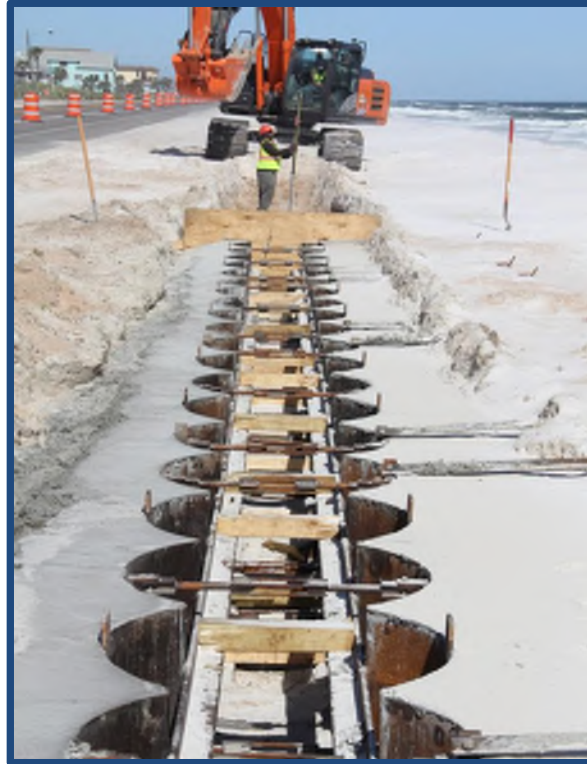
**Table 2:** GFRP Bars - Laboratory Testing Results Summary for Field-Sampled and Laboratory Tested Lot 1, 2 and 3



## Secant-Pile Guide Wall Installation



*Secant-Pile guide-wall trench boxes were installed to assure alignment of piles*



*1,847 Secant-Piles were installed via guide-wall*

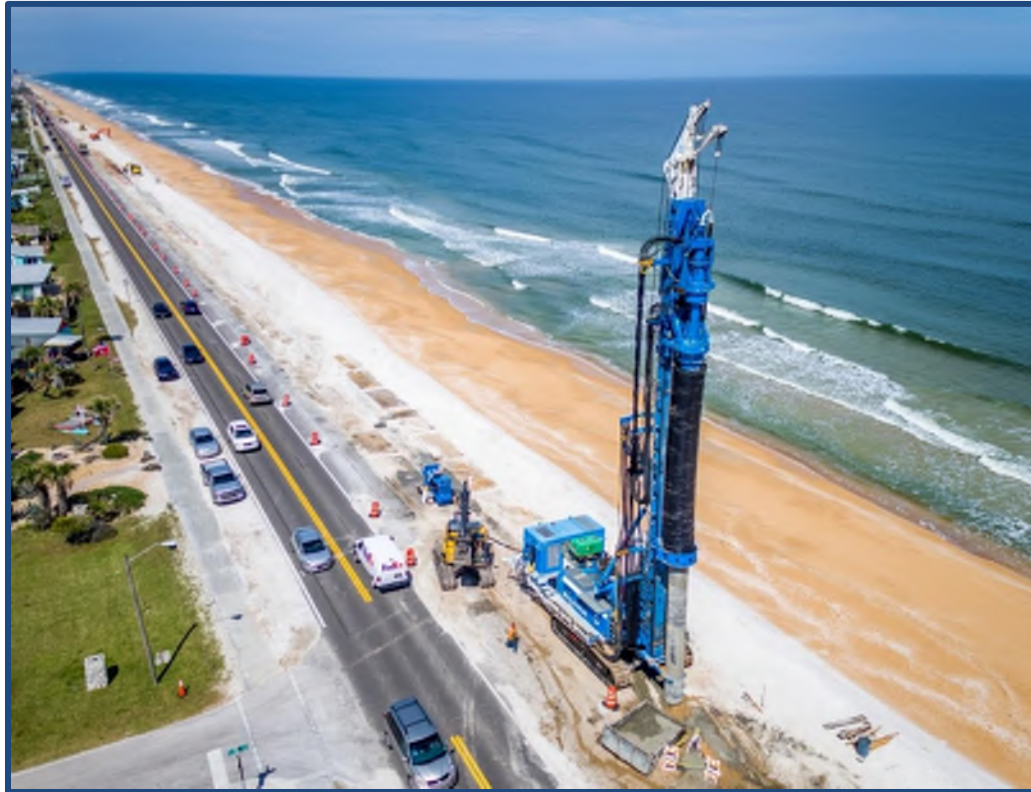


*Concrete pouring, i.e. flowable-fill was placed to complete the Secant-Pile layout locations*

*Removal of steel formwork, prior to drilling Secant-Piles*







## STATE ROAD A1A – SECANT-PILE WALL

The piles were designed with glass fiber-reinforced polymer (**GFRP**) rebar to eliminate the concern of corrosion and provide ***extended maintenance-free service life*** to minimize future needed construction activities along the coastal dune system.



Several “**Mitigation-Alternatives**” were carefully considered, after which the **Secant-Pile** system was selected and completed at the end of 2019. The secant-pile system **minimized the impact** on the existing sand dune-system during construction. Additionally, the **Piles are designed with GFRP bars**.

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## 2019 Secant-Pile Seawall



Site assembled GFRP Cage-installations, at Flagler Beach, Florida



The Seawall's Auger-Cast Concrete Secant-Piles are 36 in (910 mm) in diameter and the Primary Piles are 36 ft (11 m) in lengths and are reinforced with 25 No. 8 GFRP bars.

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# Secant-Pile GFRP-Cage Installation Monitoring, QA/QC and Grout-Fluidifier Testing



1847 Secant-Piles were lifted, aligned, centered, and lowered into position



1847 Secant-Piles were installed in only 4-1/2 Months for SR-A1A



It should be noted that all pile centers have an accuracy of within 1-1/2 in (38 mm) in plan



Per FDOT Specifications, Section 455, Index E, grout needs a minimum standard flow rate of 15 seconds and achieve a minimum grout compressive strength of 4,000 psi (28 MPa).



Secant-Pile alignment and auger drilled soil removal, prior to concrete grouting

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SCC Slump Flow Test



SCC J-Ring Test

Laboratory and Field  
Testing of GFRP bars  
and Grout with Fluidifier

**(i) ASTM C1611/C1611M**

Standard Test Method for Slump  
Flow of Self-Consolidating  
Concrete (SCC)

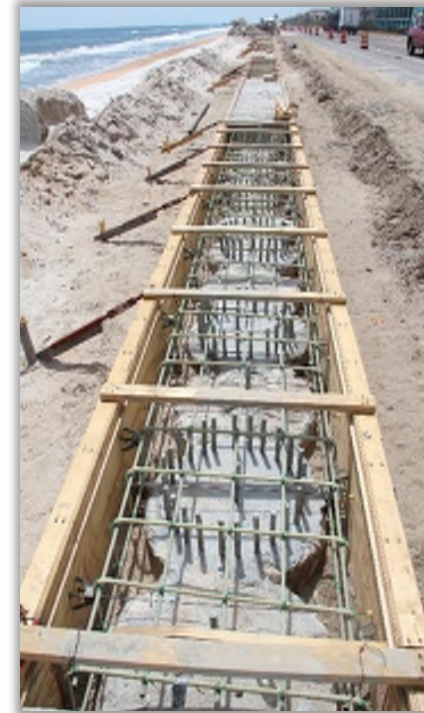
**(ii) ASTM C1621/C1621M**

Standard Test Method for Passing  
Ability of Self-Consolidating  
Concrete by J-Ring

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## Secant-Pile Guide Wall and removal, Pile-cap, GFRP Placement and Dune-restoration



*Removal of unreinforced concrete Guide-Wall, pile-cap GFRP placement, and final dune restoration/re-establishment atop the installed Secant-Pile Seawall/Bulkhead.*

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# Life-Cycle-Cost Evaluation, with respect to GFRP bars, for this SR-A1A Project

## Engineer's Estimate:

Traditional steel reinforced auger-cast pile = **\$191.50** / ft. length pile installed  
 GFRP-reinforced concrete auger-cast piles = **\$209.25** / ft. length pile installed

Assuming 75-year life for traditional RC = **\$2.55** /year/ft.

Assuming 100-year (min.) for GFRP-RC = **\$2.09** /year/ft. *(not considering reduced maintenance costs and environmental benefits) > 18% savings!*



## Bid Quantities & Unit Cost:

*Note: Engineer's Estimate, Bid-Quantities & Unit Costs obtained from FDOT.*

400-4-11 Class IV Concrete (Wall Cap) = (864 CY)(\$775/CY)	= \$669,600	Low Bid \$415.00/CY =	\$358,560
415-10-5 GFRP Reinforcing, #5 = (61892 LF)(\$1.37/LF)	= \$84,792	Low Bid \$1.45/LF =	\$89,743
455-112-6 Pile Auger Grouted, 36" Dia. = (51724 LF)(\$209.25)	= \$10,823,247	Low Bid \$156.50/LF =	\$8,094,806

**Total Proposal Budget Estimate = \$27,276,946**

**Low Bid = \$22,429,705**

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### GFRP - PRO's

- Seawalls, Piles, and Piers
- Marine Structures
- “Quick” installation
- Light weight installation
- Assembly time savings
- “Toe” or “No-Toe” option
- GFRP cages remain in-place, i.e. “no flotation” observed
- Resilient, durable and extended Life-Cycle

### GFRP - CON's

- “Bent-Shapes” need to be Manufacturer fabricated
- No “on-site” bending of GFRP
- GFRP bars can contribute to “skin-itching” due to presence of Glass-Fibers (protective clothes beneficial)
- Typically more GFRP bars are needed than black steel rebars
- Currently not many GFRP design guidelines are readily available, in design software, but “in-progress” and developing fairly “rapidly”





## Added Benefits of GFRP Installations, as validated by this SR-A1A Project

- ❖ *There is a substantial benefit by utilizing GFRP in structural concrete, exposed to corrosive environments*
- ❖ *Economics of GFRP comparable to “black steel” upfront costs and Return On Investment (ROI) is higher on a Life-Cycle Cost Analysis basis*
- ❖ *GFRP is anisotropic and linear-elastic up to failure*
- ❖ *Currently Specifications and Design Guidelines exist*
- ❖ *Light weight of GFRP translates into time-savings during assembly and significant material shipping cost reduction*

- ❖ The GFRP bars have a high tensile strength, low weight, and are noncorrosive
- ❖ The cage installations were smooth and rapid, and maintenance and repair costs over the life cycle of the seawall are expected to be minimal
- ❖ The durable materials in the wall will provide an extended time window for restoration activities, with a longer Service-Life

***Note: Pictures show Secant-Pile installation atop Dune-System.***







## Findings of GFRP Installations specific to the SR-A1A Project

- ❖ *No Secant-Pile cage alterations were needed. Installed all 1,847 Piles as intended during the design-phase. No alterations needed*
- ❖ *Quick and reliable Secant-Pile installation in soft to medium dense sands, during this State Road A1A (SR-A1A) project*
- ❖ *GFRP cage-assemblies resulted in up to 52% of time savings over “black steel” rebar cage construction*
- ❖ *Toe assemblies may be removed on future projects providing the integrity of grout hole stability remains in-place and EOR approves*
- ❖ *Less noise pollution (as field measured for this project) through Secant-Pile installation vs. Sheet-Pile installation*

***Note: As an added feature, sustainability, reliability, durability and resiliency are all associated with the use of GFRP.***



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- ❖ University of Miami



# 5,000 Feet (1.6 km) GFRP-RC Seawall/Bulkhead protects State Highway A1A along Flagler Beach, Florida - USA



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# Next Generation GFRP Bar properties & Implementation Economics

Doug Gremel – Director Engineering  
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# REVIEW OF BASICS

- Tensile Modulus or Youngs Modulus – strain exerted by a force stretching or contracting material

- Modulus of elasticity,  $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}$

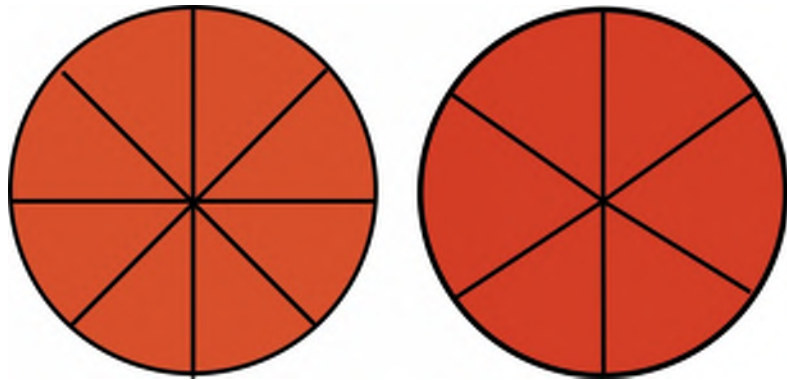
$$\text{Stress, } \sigma = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}}$$

$$\text{Strain, } \epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$$

- $E = \text{tensile stress} / \text{tensile strain}$ 
  - $E = (FL) / (A * \text{change in } L)$ ,
    - where F is the applied force, L is the initial length, A is the square area, and E is Young's modulus
  - Tensile stress = Force (ultimate load) / cross sectional area
- Small changes in AREA have a BIG effect on the modulus

# PAST SITUATION – UNDER REPORTING CROSS SECTIONAL AREA

- Inflates properties
- *Not transparent* to the designer
- Can affect the design of the beam or slab
- Affects clear cover & bar spacing
- Credibility of industry



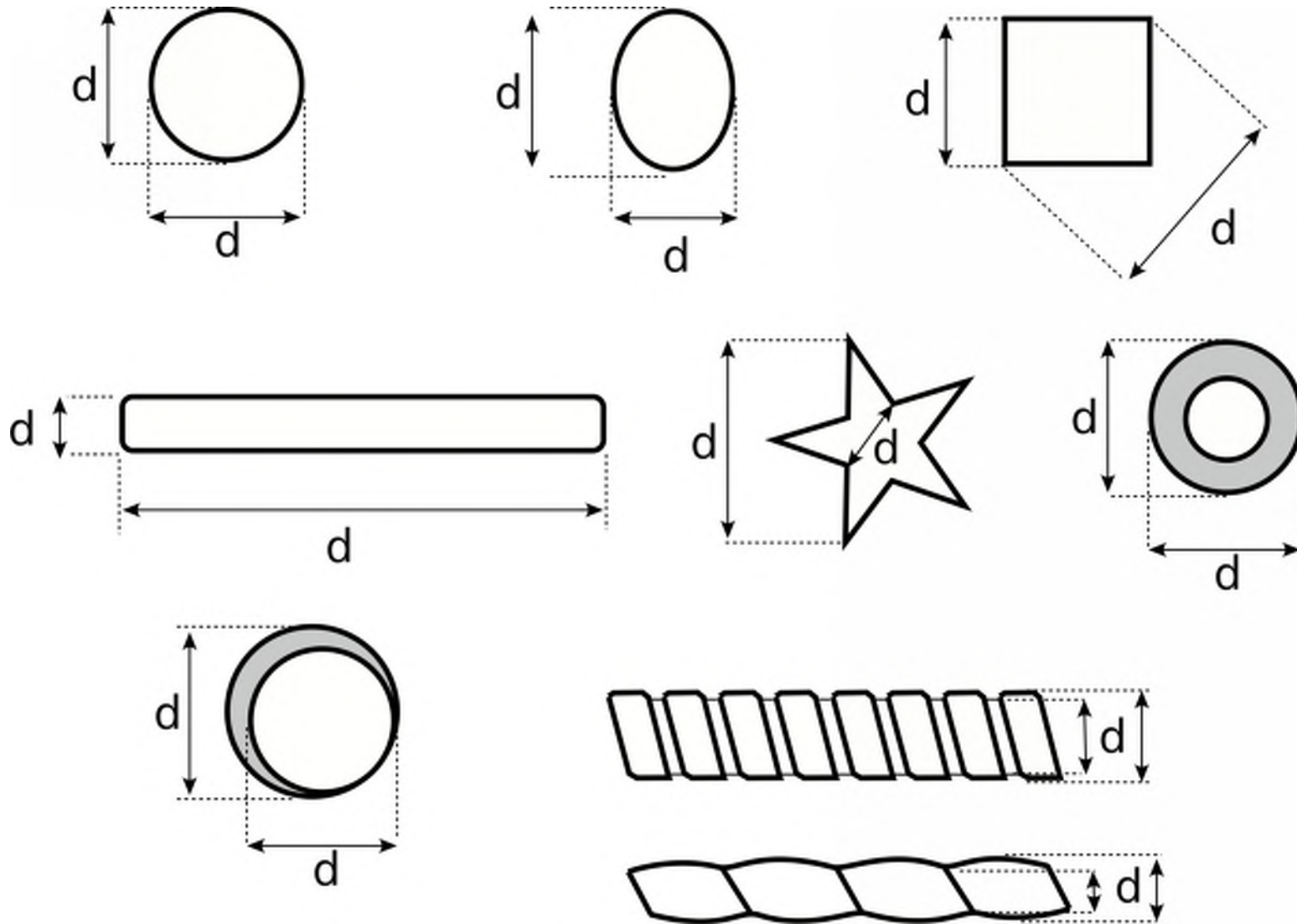
Is an 8 slice pizza bigger than an 6 slice pizza ?



Before industry standards

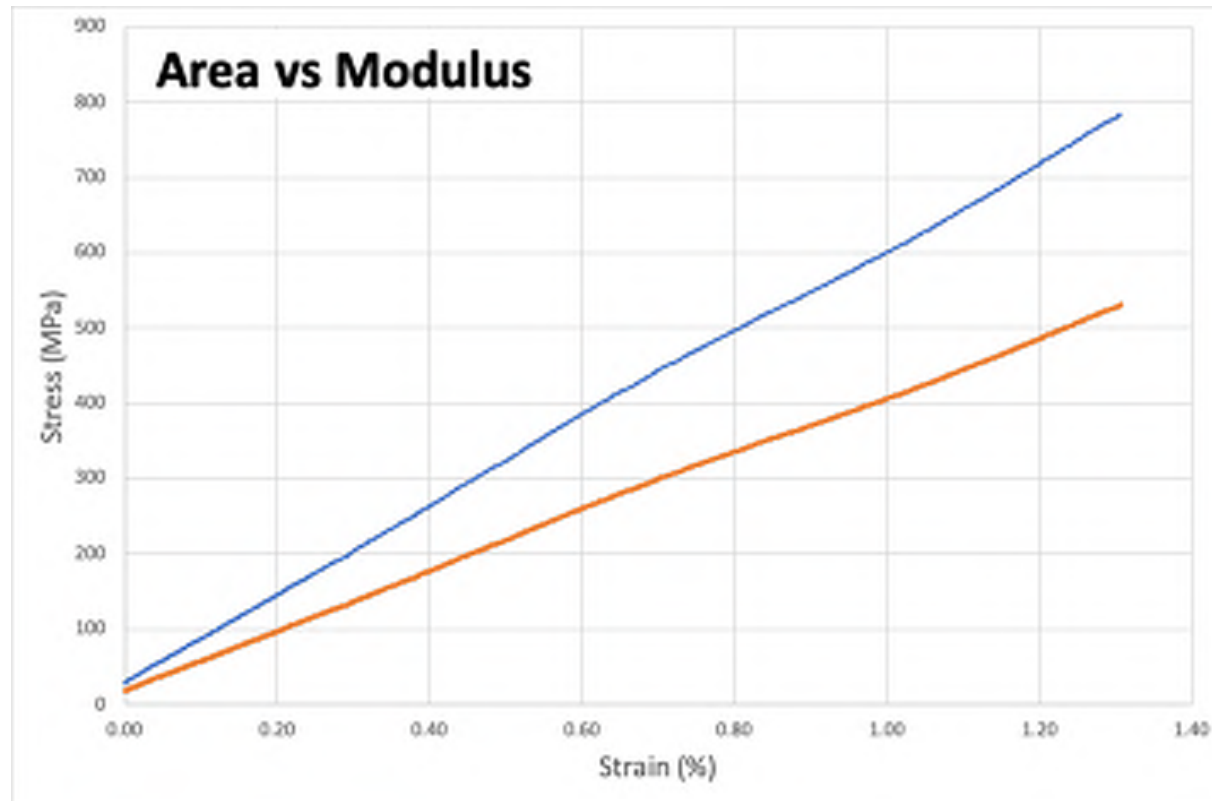


# DIAMETER & AREA OF FIBERGLASS BARS



# AREA OF FIBERGLASS BAR IS IMPORTANT

- Archimedes Principle
  - The buoyant force on a submerged object is equal to the weight of the liquid displaced. See ASTM D7205



Effect of area on modulus  
0.104 in<sup>2</sup> vs 0.161 in<sup>2</sup>

Example shows  
upper & lower  
tolerances of  
ASTM D7957  
**measured cross  
sectional area** on  
#3 (10mm) bar

# ASTM D7957 – IMPORTANT INDUSTRY CONSENSUS

In ASTM D7957 we agreed as an industry to use “nominal area” for determination of properties WITH a tolerance to accommodate surface enhancements for bond.

- Nominal based on pure cylinder area for all calcs
- “measured cross sectional area” with a tolerance for bond enhancement, out of round, irregular surface... etc
- Set a path for true improvements which have occurred



# NOMINAL VS “MEASURED AREA”

- To account for “surface enhancements”...
  - Ribs (height or depth & width of ribs)
  - Sand coating (size of sand grains)
  - Lugs / undulations between external wraps
- Reason for a “tolerance” from nominal
- ASTM D7957

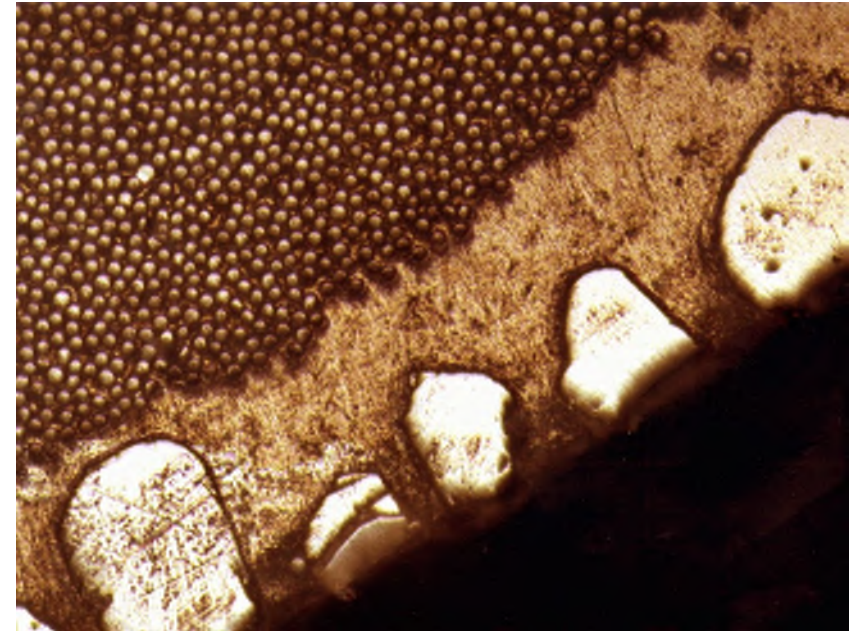


TABLE 3 Geometric and Mechanical Property Requirements

Bar Designation No.	Nominal Dimensions		Measured Cross-Sectional Area Limits mm <sup>2</sup> [in. <sup>2</sup> ]		Minimum Guaranteed Ultimate Tensile Force kN [kip]
	Diameter mm [in.]	Cross-Sectional Area mm <sup>2</sup> [in. <sup>2</sup> ]	Minimum	Maximum	
M6 [2]	6.3 [0.250]	32 [0.049]	30 [0.046]	55 [0.085]	27 [6.1]
M10 [3]	9.5 [0.375]	71 [0.11]	67 [0.104]	104 [0.161]	59 [13.2]
M13 [4]	12.7 [0.500]	129 [0.20]	119 [0.185]	169 [0.263]	96 [21.6]
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M22 [7]	22.2 [0.875]	387 [0.60]	365 [0.565]	460 [0.713]	241 [54.1]
M25 [8]	25.4 [1.000]	510 [0.79]	476 [0.738]	589 [0.913]	297 [66.8]
M29 [9]	28.7 [1.128]	645 [1.00]	603 [0.934]	733 [1.137]	365 [82.0]
M32 [10]	32.3 [1.270]	819 [1.27]	744 [1.154]	894 [1.385]	437 [98.2]

# MODULUS – A FUNCTION OF GLASS CONTENT & AREA

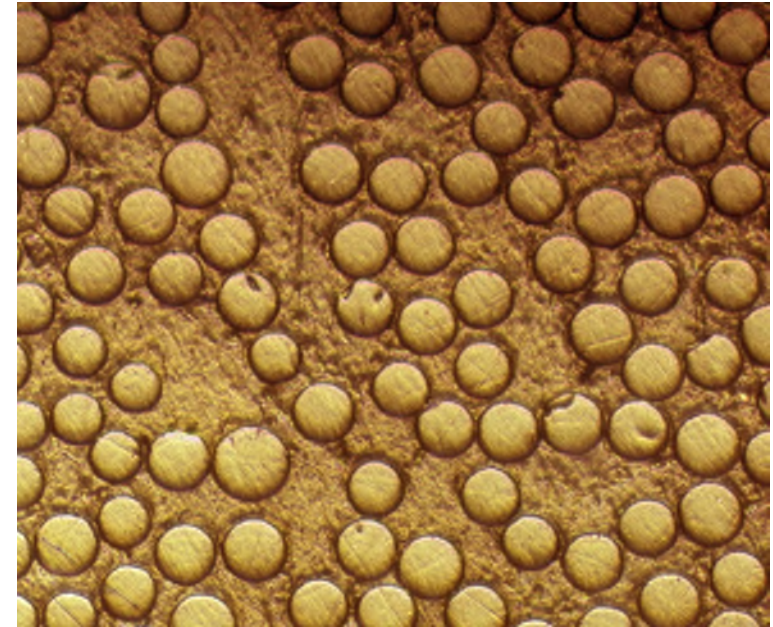
Rule of Mixtures says

$$E_c = fE_f + (1-f)E_m \text{ where:}$$

$f$  = volume fraction of fibers

$E_f$  = E-Modulus of the fibers

$E_m$  = E-Modulus of the matrix



How much glass you can pack into a given area =  
Modulus

# NEW DOCUMENTS

- Hi-Mod Straight bars with minimum E-modulus of 8.75 msi (60GPa)
- Hi-Mod Fabricated bends with minimum E-modulus of 7.5msi (52GPa)
- Processes are different for most producers
- Physical & mechanical properties are different
- Highlights differences to the Designer



# HI-MOD STRAIGHT BAR DRAFT



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**Ballot Action:** Revision of <Enter Standard Designation/Title>  
**Rationale:** <Enter reasons for proposed ballot action. Include an update on previous ballot history, if applicable>

**Standard Specification for  
Solid Round, High Modulus Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars for Concrete  
Reinforcement in Straight Lengths<sup>1</sup>**

- Key Differences with ASTM D7957
  - Limits are higher for tensile modulus
  - Increased limits on tensile properties
  - Removes all references to bends (helps provide clarity)
  - Adds apparent shear (short beam) test
  - Better resolution on bond strength & strain by bar diameter
  - Adds epoxy resin **if** it meets durability criteria
- Similarities with ASTM D7957
  - Uses same “measured area” tolerances as existing ASTM D7957
  - Limits on Tensile strength & other parameters mirror CSA S807-19

# HI-MOD FABRICATED BENT BAR DRAFT



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**Standard Specification for  
Solid Round Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars for Concrete Reinforcement in  
Fabricated Bent Shapes<sup>1</sup>**

- Key Differences with ASTM D7957
  - Limits on Tensile strength & other parameters mirror CSA S807-19 for Grade II bends
  - Should provide clarity on bent bar properties and QC/QA
    - Defines lot size based on resin batch, not by shape !
    - Strength of straight portion of a bent bar
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  - Better resolution on bond strength & strain by bar diameter
  - Adds epoxy resin **if** it meets durability criteria
- Similarities with ASTM D7957
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# HI-MOD FABRICATED BENT BAR DRAFT

- Introduces “shape codes” and detailing guide similar to steel shape codes

<p><b>G1-90 Deg Bent</b> (Steel 2, 17)</p> <p>Max Legs: A &lt; 90°, B may be up to 90°            If A = 90°, B may be up to 90°            If A &gt; 90°, B may be up to 105°</p>	<p><b>G2-&gt;90 Deg Bent</b> (Steel 3)</p> <p>Max Total Linear Length:            If Angle between A &amp; B Degrees: 112°            If Angle between B &amp; K Degrees: 115°            If Angle between A &amp; K Degrees: 120°            If Angle between B &amp; H Degrees: 120°</p>	<p><b>G3-&lt;90 Deg Bent</b> (Steel 13, 21, 30)</p> <p>Max Total Linear Length:            If Angle between A &amp; B Degrees: 130°            If Angle between A &amp; B Degrees: 120°            If Angle between A &amp; B Degrees: 110°            If Angle between A &amp; B Degrees: 110°</p>
<p><b>G5-Long Leg Bent</b> (Steel 2, 17)</p> <p>Max Legs: Bar comprised of both A &amp; B can be shapes T1, T2, or T3            Straight bar (C) can be produced up to 60 ft long            Bar sold individually</p>	<p><b>G6-Z Bar or Similar</b> (Steel 5, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25)</p> <p>Max Legs: Both ends can be shapes T1, T2, or T3            Bars sold individually</p>	<p><b>G7-U/C Shape Bar</b> (Steel 2/17)</p> <p>Part Example: SPB10-A-B-C</p> <p>Max Legs: For B &lt; 40°, Add on to be up to 40° each            For 40° &lt; B &lt; 80°, Add on to be up to 40° each            For 80° &lt; B &lt; 90°, Add on to be up to 20° each</p>
<p><b>G9-Long Leg U</b> (Steel 2/17)</p>	<p><b>G10-Gull Wing</b> (Steel 3, 4, 7, 22, 23)</p>	<p><b>G11-Closed Stirrup</b> (Steel S2, T1, T2)</p>



# DEFINING "LIMITS" FOR BARS

# Straight

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M13 [4]	12.7 [0.500]	129 [0.20]	119 [0.185]	169 [0.263]	129 [29]	1000 [145]	1.7%	10.3[1.5]
M16 [5]	15.9 [0.625]	199 [0.31]	186 [0.288]	251 [0.388]	200 [45]	1000 [145]	1.7%	10.3[1.5]
M19 [6]	19.1 [0.750]	284 [0.44]	268 [0.415]	347 [0.539]	255 [57]	900 [130]	1.5%	9.6[1.4]
M22 [7]	22.2 [0.875]	387 [0.60]	365 [0.565]	460 [0.713]	334 [75]	862 [125]	1.5%	9.6[1.4]
M25 [8]	25.4 [1.000]	510 [0.79]	476 [0.738]	589 [0.913]	422 [95]	827 [120]	1.4%	7.6[1.1]
M29 [9]	28.7 [1.128]	645 [1.00]	603 [0.934]	733 [1.137]	?	?	?	7.6[1.1]
M32 [10]	32.3 [1.270]	819 [1.27]	744 [1.154]	894 [1.385]	?	?	?	7.6[1.1]

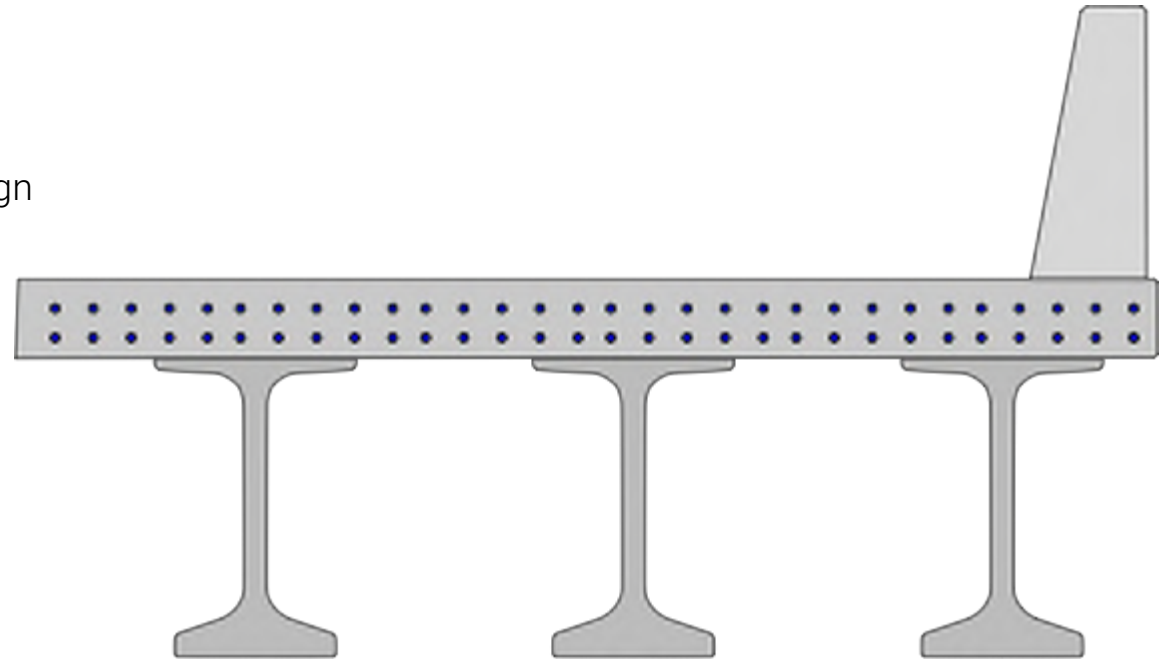
# Bends

TABLE 3 Geometric and Mechanical Property Requirements

Bar Designation No.	Nominal Dimensions		Measured Cross-Sectional Area Limits mm <sup>2</sup> [in. <sup>2</sup> ]		Minimum Guaranteed Ultimate Tensile Force kN [kip]	Minimum Guaranteed Ultimate Tensile Strength MPa [ksi]	Ultimate Tensile Strain %	Bond Strength MPa [ksi]
	Diameter mm [in.]	Cross-Sectional Area mm <sup>2</sup> [in. <sup>2</sup> ]	Minimum	Maximum				
M6 [2]	6.3 [0.250]	32 [0.049]	30 [0.046]	55 [0.085]	█	█	█	█
M10 [3]	9.5 [0.375]	71 [0.11]	67 [0.104]	104 [0.161]	71 [16]	1000 [145]	1.9%	12.4[1.8]
M13 [4]	12.7 [0.500]	129 [0.20]	119 [0.185]	169 [0.263]	129 [29]	1000 [145]	1.9%	10.3[1.5]
M16 [5]	15.9 [0.625]	199 [0.31]	186 [0.288]	251 [0.388]	200 [45]	1000 [145]	1.9%	10.3[1.5]
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# HOW IMPROVED PROPERTIES AFFECT DESIGN – BRIDGE DECK EXAMPLE

- Variables
  - Girder Spacing
  - Design methodology
    - Flexural Unit Strip
    - Arching action with restraint – Empirical design
  - Concrete Strength
  - Concrete Cover
  - Deck Thickness
  - GFRP bar modulus
  - Reinforcing area – bar spacing
    - Transverse
    - Longitudinal
  - Crack Widths
  - Deflection
  - Girder type
  - Cantilever overhang
  - Span type
    - Simply supported
    - Continuous with negative moment
  - Barrier size
  - Bond depended coefficient  $K_b$
  - Etc etc



# ASTMD7957 PROPERTIES – USING FLEXURAL UNIT STRIP METHODOLOGY

- AASHTO Table A4-1
  - Same Top and Bottom Spacing
  - Bottom Longitudinal 66% of Transverse
  - Top Longitudinal S & T
  - 2 Bar Diameter Clear Cover

ASTM Deck Design Table										
Effective Span Length (ft)	Deck Thickness (in)	Transverse Bars				Longitudinal Bars				ASTM Total (in <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>2</sup> )
		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		
		Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	
7	8.50	#5	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	11.00	#5	8.63	1.92
7.5	8.50	#5	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	11.00	#5	8.63	1.92
8	8.50	#5	5.50	#5	5.50	#4	11.00	#5	8.25	1.99
8.5	8.50	#5	5.50	#5	5.50	#4	11.00	#5	8.25	1.99
9	8.75	#5	5.50	#5	5.50	#4	11.00	#5	8.25	1.99
9.5	9.00	#5	5.25	#5	5.25	#4	11.00	#5	7.88	2.08
10	9.00	#5	5.00	#5	5.00	#4	11.00	#5	7.50	2.17
10.5	9.25	#5	4.75	#5	4.75	#4	11.00	#5	7.13	2.28
11	9.50	#5	4.75	#5	4.75	#4	11.00	#5	7.13	2.28
11.5	9.50	#5	4.50	#5	4.50	#4	11.00	#5	6.75	2.39
12	9.75	#5	4.50	#5	4.50	#4	11.00	#5	6.75	2.39
12.5	10.00	#5	4.25	#5	4.25	#4	11.00	#5	6.38	2.52

*Calculations courtesy of Koch Structures*



# USING PROPOSED ASTM HI-MOD STRAIGHT BAR PROPERTIES

Gen II Deck Design Table										
Effective Span Length (ft)	Deck Thickness (in)	Transverse Bars				Longitudinal Bars				Gen II Total (in <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>2</sup> )
		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		
		Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	
7	8.50	#5	7.00	#5	7.00	#4	11.00	#5	10.50	1.61
7.5	8.50	#5	6.50	#5	6.50	#4	11.00	#5	9.75	1.72
8	8.50	#5	6.50	#5	6.50	#4	11.00	#5	9.75	1.72
8.5	8.50	#5	6.25	#5	6.25	#4	11.00	#5	9.38	1.78
9	8.75	#5	6.25	#5	6.25	#4	11.00	#5	9.38	1.78
9.5	9.00	#5	6.25	#5	6.25	#4	11.00	#5	9.38	1.78
10	9.00	#5	6.00	#5	6.00	#4	11.00	#5	9.00	1.85
10.5	9.25	#5	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	11.00	#5	8.63	1.92
11	9.50	#5	5.50	#5	5.50	#4	11.00	#5	8.25	1.99
11.5	9.50	#5	5.25	#5	5.25	#4	11.00	#5	7.88	2.08
12	9.75	#5	5.25	#5	5.25	#4	11.00	#5	7.88	2.08
12.5	10.00	#5	5.25	#5	5.25	#4	11.00	#5	7.88	2.08

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# SAVINGS WITH BETTER BAR PROPERTIES –

## UNIT STRIP FLEXURAL DESIGN

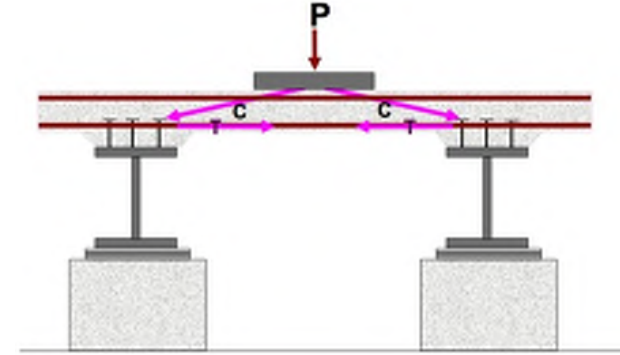
- Increased Bar Spacing for ALL spans
  - Average Transverse Increase 18%
- Reduction In Total Reinforcing Area for ALL girder spacings
- **Average Reduction 14%**

Summary		
Gen II	ASTM	Reduction
Total (in <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>2</sup> )	Total (in <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>2</sup> )	(%)
1.61	1.92	15.87%
1.72	1.92	10.25%
1.72	1.99	13.74%
1.78	1.99	10.71%
1.78	1.99	10.71%
1.78	2.08	14.35%
1.85	2.17	15.03%
1.92	2.28	15.76%
1.99	2.28	12.35%
2.08	2.39	13.01%
2.08	2.39	13.01%
2.08	2.52	17.43%

# ASTMD7957 PROPERTIES – USING EMPIRICAL DESIGN METHOD

*considers arching action outside of cantilevers, internally restrained*

- Reinforcing Calculated with Ratios
  - Bottom Transverse – Stiffness Driven
  - Other 3 layers  $r = .0035$
  - 2 Bar Diameter Clear Cover



ASTM Deck Design Table Empirical Method										
Effective Span Length (ft)	Deck Thickness (in)	Transverse Bars				Longitudinal Bars				ASTM Total (in <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>2</sup> )
		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		
		Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	
7	8.50	#5	10.25	#6	6.25	#5	10.25	#5	10.25	1.92
7.5	8.50	#5	10.25	#6	6.25	#5	10.25	#5	10.25	1.92
8	8.50	#5	10.25	#6	6.25	#5	10.25	#5	10.25	1.92
8.5	8.50	#5	10.25	#6	6.25	#5	10.25	#5	10.25	1.92
9	8.75	#5	10.00	#6	6.00	#5	10.00	#5	10.00	1.98
9.5	9.00	#5	9.75	#6	5.75	#5	9.75	#5	9.75	2.05
10	9.00	#5	9.75	#6	5.75	#5	9.75	#5	9.75	2.05
10.5	9.25	#5	9.50	#6	5.50	#5	9.50	#5	9.50	2.12
11	9.50	#5	9.25	#6	5.25	#5	9.25	#5	9.25	2.20
11.5	9.50	#5	9.25	#6	5.25	#5	9.25	#5	9.25	2.20
12	9.75	#5	9.00	#6	5.25	#5	9.00	#5	9.00	2.23
12.5	10.00	#5	8.75	#6	5.00	#5	8.75	#5	8.75	2.31

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# PROPOSED ASTM HI-MOD- EMPIRICAL METHODOLOGY

Gen II Deck Design Table Empirical Method										
Effective Span Length (ft)	Deck Thickness (in)	Transverse Bars				Longitudinal Bars				Gen II Total (in <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>2</sup> )
		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		
		Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	Size	Spa (in)	
7	8.50	#5	10.25	#6	8.00	#5	10.25	#5	10.25	1.73
7.5	8.50	#5	10.25	#6	8.00	#5	10.25	#5	10.25	1.73
8	8.50	#5	10.25	#6	8.00	#5	10.25	#5	10.25	1.73
8.5	8.50	#5	10.25	#6	8.00	#5	10.25	#5	10.25	1.73
9	8.75	#5	10.00	#6	7.75	#5	10.00	#5	10.00	1.78
9.5	9.00	#5	9.75	#6	7.50	#5	9.75	#5	9.75	1.83
10	9.00	#5	9.75	#6	7.50	#5	9.75	#5	9.75	1.83
10.5	9.25	#5	9.50	#6	7.25	#5	9.50	#5	9.50	1.89
11	9.50	#5	9.25	#6	7.00	#5	9.25	#5	9.25	1.95
11.5	9.50	#5	9.25	#6	7.00	#5	9.25	#5	9.25	1.95
12	9.75	#5	9.00	#6	6.75	#5	9.00	#5	9.00	2.01
12.5	10.00	#5	8.75	#6	6.50	#5	8.75	#5	8.75	2.07

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# SUMMARY EMPIRICAL DESIGN METHOD

- Increased Bar Spacing for ALL spans
  - Average Transverse Increase 30%
- Reduction In Total Reinforcing Area for ALL girder spacings
- **Average Reduction 10%**

Summary Empirical Method		
Gen II	ASTM	Reduction (%)
Total (in <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>2</sup> )	Total (in <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>2</sup> )	
1.73	1.92	9.63%
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1.73	1.92	9.63%
1.78	1.98	10.03%
1.83	2.06	10.46%
1.83	2.06	10.46%
1.89	2.12	10.93%
1.95	2.20	11.45%
1.95	2.20	11.45%
2.01	2.23	10.02%
2.07	2.31	10.53%

# OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING DESIGN OPTIMIZATION

- Larger total reduction in bar area if top & bottom mat are designed separately
- More improvement in bar spacing gained if:
  - Crack Width is increased from 0.020"(0.5mm) to 0.028"(0.71mm)
    - Now in AASHTO 2019 Guide Spec GFRP LRFD design 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
    - Improve default bond dependent factor  $C_b = 0.833$  ( $K_b = 1.2$ )
- Temperature & Shrinkage equations could be updated to take into account improvements in tensile modulus
- Empirical design methodology (*arching action, restrained at girders except cantilevers*) much more economical than Unit Strip method



# OHIO DOT – BRIDGE DECK DRAFT STANDARDS

- Uses proposed revised properties (*As does Florida DOT*)
- Same reinforcing area implementation as steel rebar
  - Up to 12.5ft girder spacing

Current ODOT BDM Deck Design Table									
Effective Span Length (ft)	Deck Thickness (in)	Transverse Bars				Longitudinal Bars			
		Top Bars		Bottom Bars		Top Bars		Bottom Bars	
		Size	Spa (in.)	Size	Spa (in.)	Size	Spa (in.)	Size	Spa (in.)
7.0	8.50	#5	6.00	#5	6.00	#4	12.50	#5	10.75
7.5	8.50	#5	6.00	#5	6.00	#4	12.00	#5	10.25
8.0	8.50	#5	6.00	#5	6.00	#4	11.50	#5	9.75
8.5	8.50	#5	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	11.00	#5	9.25
9.0	8.75	#5	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	11.00	#5	9.25
9.5	9.00	#5	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	11.00	#5	9.25
10.0	9.00	#5	5.25	#5	5.25	#4	10.00	#5	8.75
10.5	9.25	#5	5.25	#5	5.25	#4	10.00	#5	8.75
11.0	9.50	#5	5.00	#5	5.00	#4	9.50	#5	8.75
11.5	9.50	#6	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	7.75	#5	8.75
12.0	9.75	#6	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	7.75	#5	8.75
12.5	10.00	#6	5.75	#5	5.75	#4	7.75	#5	8.75

*Current draft Ohio DOT bridge deck standard*

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- 2009 Benmokrane showed effects of deck design with 3 varying GFRP bar modulus

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Type of GFRP bars	Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Specified tensile strength, $f_{FRP_u}$ (MPa)	Tensile modulus of elasticity, $E_{FRP}$ (MPa)
A (low)	198	655	40800
B (medium)	198	683	48200
C (high)	198	1250	64200

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- CSA Empirical design method – considers arching action outside of cantilevers
- Reinforcing ratio directly related to bar modulus
- Bar tensile strength & concrete strength do NOT affect design
- Cover & Deck Thickness along with bar modulus drive design implementation
- $K_b = 0.8$

**Table 2:** Mechanical properties of sand-coated GFRP bars used in this investigation

Type of GFRP bars	Grade*	Nominal area** (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Specified tensile strength, $f_{FRPu}$ (MPa)	Tensile modulus of elasticity, $E_{FRP}$ (GPa)
G-I	I	199	940	42.5
G-II	II	199	1130	52.5
G-III	III	199	1184	62.6

\* According to the CAN/CSA S807-10 (2010).

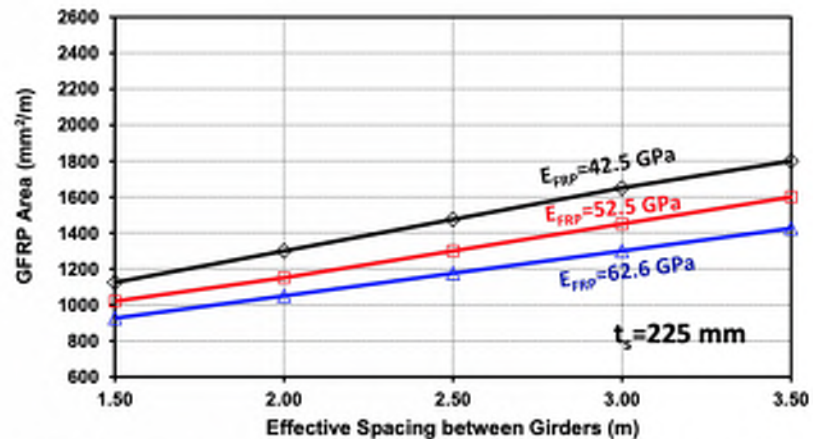
\*\* Cross-sectional area of No. 15 GFRP bars (15.9 mm diameter) according to the CAN/CSA S807-10 (2010).

**27% less reinforcing area in transverse direction with new standard properties**

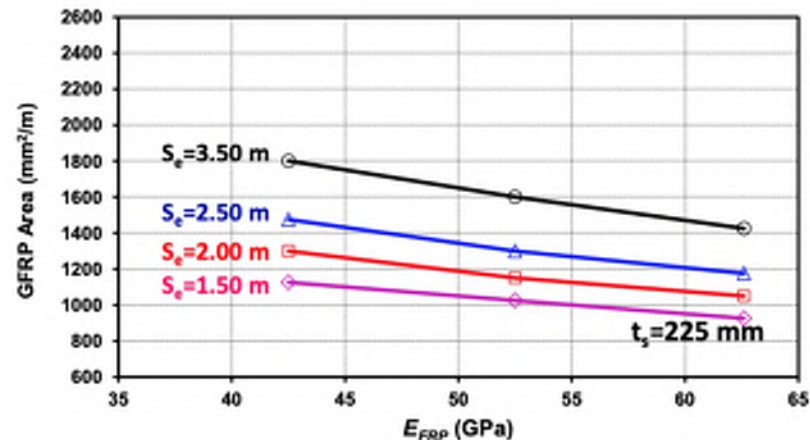
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Using CSA S6 Flexural design method

- Designs limited by crack widths
- Increasing deck thickness reduces reinforcing area
- Girder spacing greatly affects implementation
- Increasing GFRP modulus decreases reinforcing area by varying amounts
- Used Bond Dependent Coefficient  $K_b = 0.80$



**Figure 5:** Area of the transverse GFRP reinforcement versus the effective spacing between girders

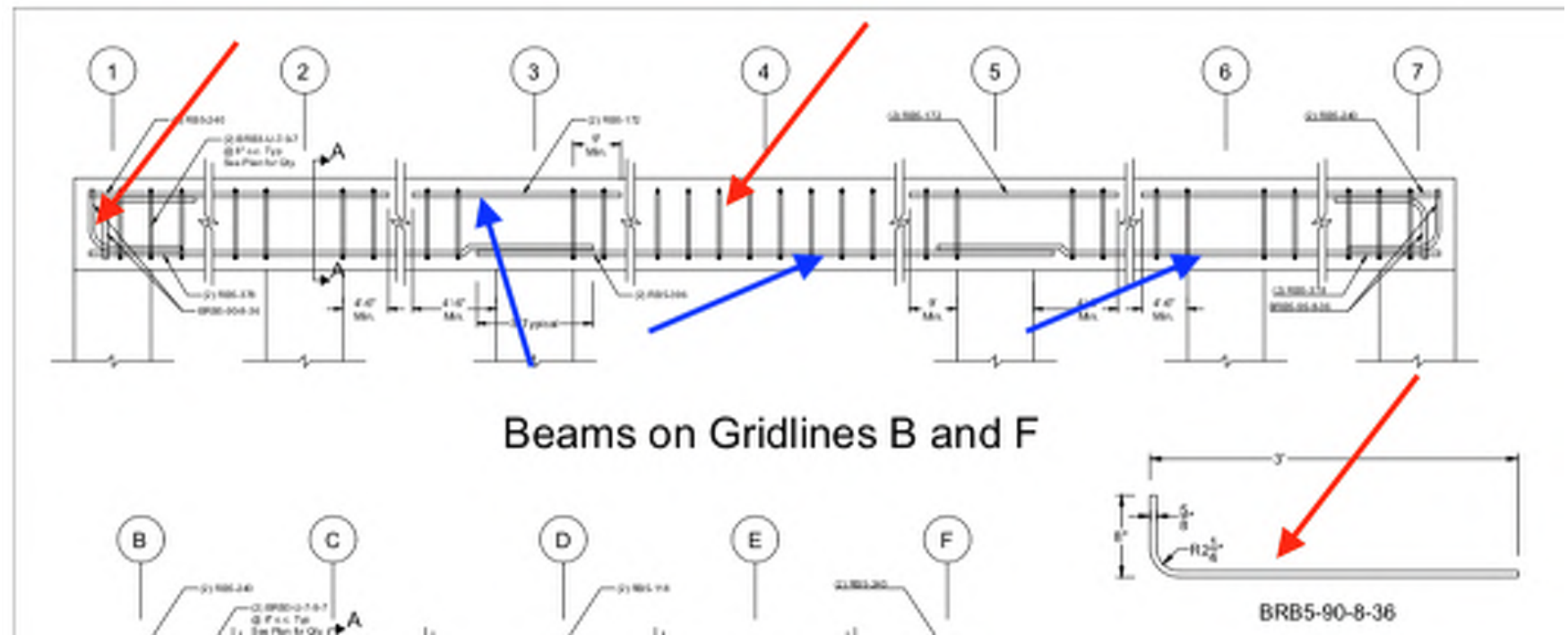


**Figure 6:** Area of the transverse GFRP reinforcement versus the modulus of elasticity of the GFRP bars

**Rebar area  
decreased between  
10% to 27%**

# IMPACT ON DESIGNER

- Must be aware of differing material properties
  - Straight Bar
  - Bent Bar





# PROPOSED ASTM HI-MOD FIBERGLASS MATERIAL STANDARDS

- Possible due to industry consensus on bar area tolerances
- Improvements in manufacturing capabilities
  - Glass content above 83% makes possible
- Cost neutral improvements
  - Glass is LESS costly than resin !
- Improves economics of implementation by 10 to 27%
  - Design methodology matters (bridge deck example)
  - Bond dependent coefficient & crack widths still control design

# INDUSTRY HAS WORK TO DO

- Reach consensus on standards
- Prepare designers
- Validate proposed limits
  - Avoid flying too close to the sun



# 6-Span CFRP-PC/GFRP-RC Bridge over Placido Bayou

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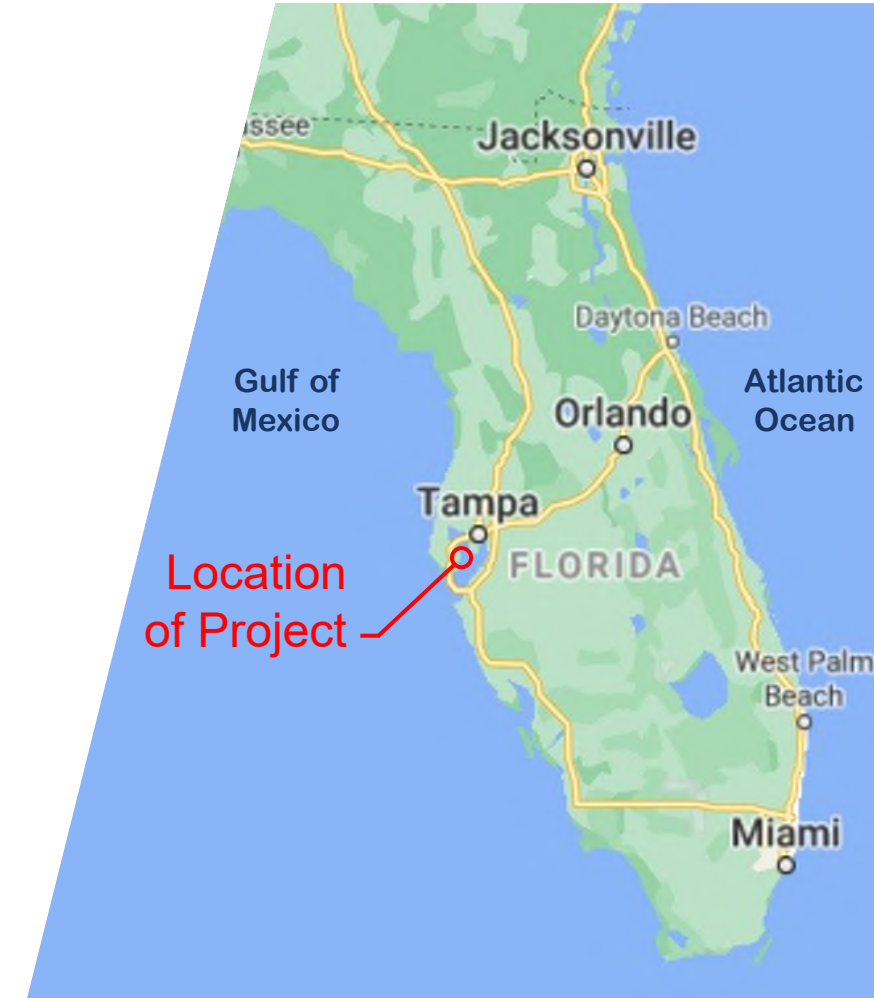


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# Introduction

- > Purpose of Project
  - Bridge replacement to address existing structural deterioration
- > Project Location
  - City of St. Petersburg, Florida
  - 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE over Placido Bayou
- > Intent of Presentation
  - To provide illustrative example of a municipal bridge replacement utilizing FRP materials



# Background

## > Existing Bridge

- Nathaniel J. Upham Bridge (No. 157154)
- Owned/maintained by the City of St. Petersburg
- Originally constructed in 1961
- Widened in 1990
- 58.0 ft (17.7 m) wide & 336.0 ft (102.4 m ) long
- 7 equal simple spans
- Deck is comprised of butted prestressed voided slab beams
- Maximum vertical clearance of 8.5 ft (2.6 m)

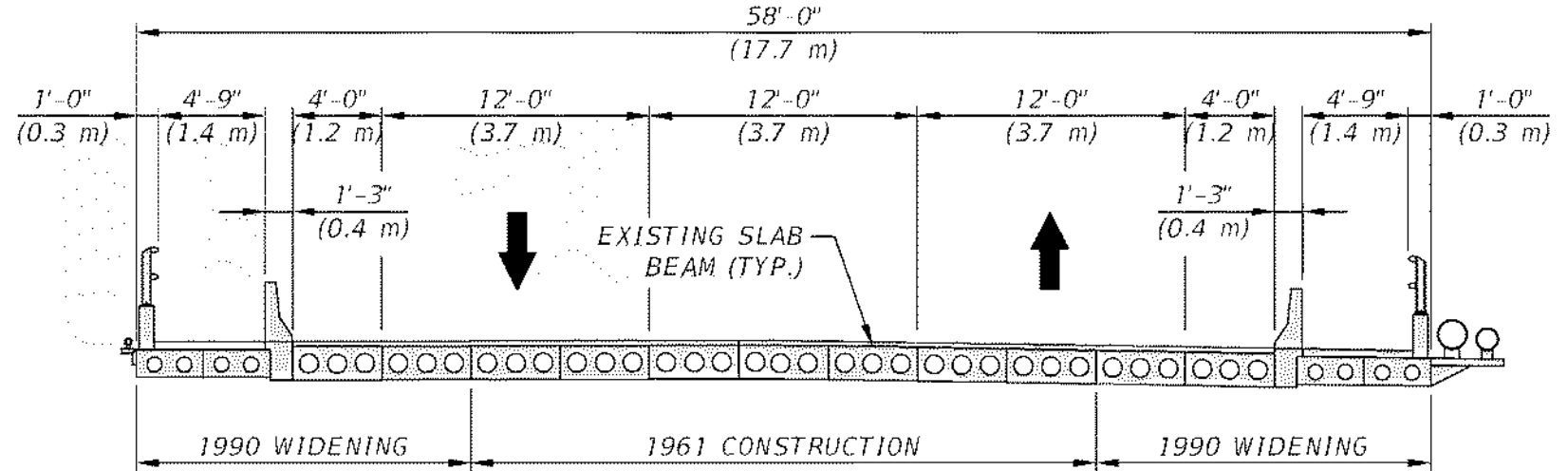


# Background



## > Existing Bridge Deficiencies

- Categorized as Structurally Deficient
- Deterioration in superstructure and substructure
- Bridge Closed in August 2017 due to section loss in prestressing strands in 1961 beams in center span



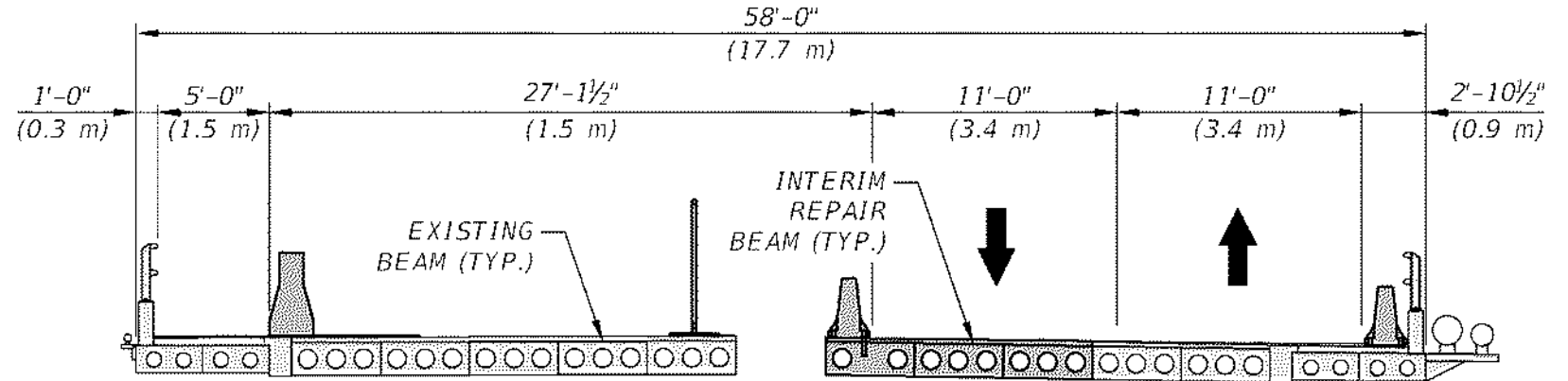


# Background



## > Temporary Emergency Repairs

- To maintain two lanes of traffic and a sidewalk
- Three beams in the center span were replaced and transversely tied to the remaining existing beams



# Design Approach

## > Proposed Bridge

- Prestressed Florida Slab Beam (FSB) Superstructure with cast-in-place topping slab
- 57.8 ft (17.6 m) wide & 320.0 ft (97.5 m) long
- 6 span structure
- Prestressed pile bend substructure
- Phased construction to maintain traffic
- FRP sheet pile surrounding end bents and along approaches



# Design Approach

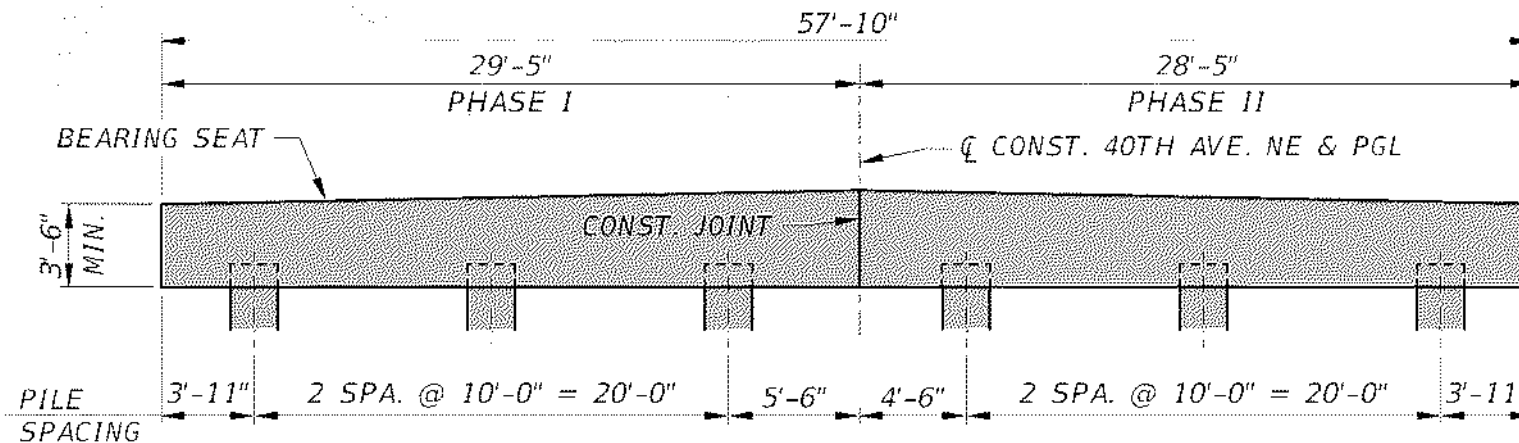
- > Extremely Aggressive Environment
  - Within salt water splash zone
  - Vertical clearance varies from 7.0 ft (2.1 m) to 13.2 ft (4.0 m)
  - Design focused on concrete elements that are durable and resilient to salt water exposure
  - Accomplished by eliminating traditional carbon steel reinforcement and prestressing tendons with direct exposure to salt water
  - Direct exposure elements identified as bent piles, bent caps, sheet pile walls, beams, and topping slab
  - Design of FRP elements per
    - FDOT Fiber Reinforced Polymer Guidelines
    - AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Guide Specifications for GFRP-Reinforced Concrete
    - AASHTO Guide Specifications for the Design of Concrete Bridge Beams Prestressed with CFRP Systems
    - ACI 440.4 Prestressing Concrete Structures with FRP Tendons



# Design Approach

## > Substructure Design

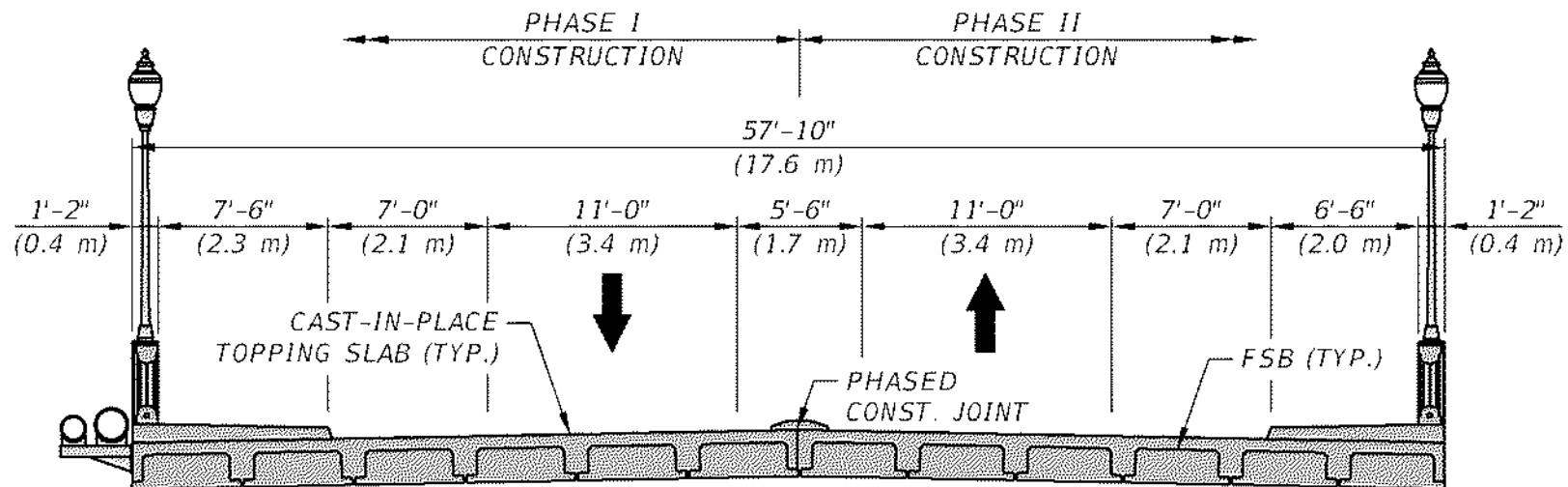
- Piles are prestressed 24" square.
- FDOT Standard Plans allowing for the Contractor to choose between either CFRP or stainless steel reinforcement and prestressing tendons in the piles
- Cast-in-place bent caps with GFRP reinforcement
- FRP pultruded sheet pile with a cast-in-place concrete cap were designed around the end bents and along the roadway approaches



# Design Approach

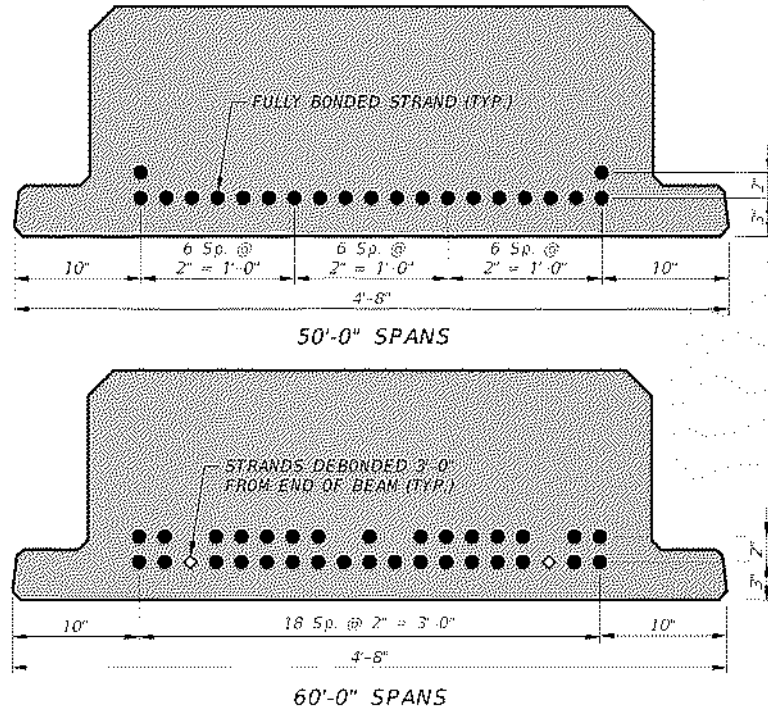
## > Superstructure Design

- Consisted of 4 – 50 ft (15.2 m) spans and 2 – 60 ft (18.3 m) spans
- 18 in ( 457 mm) deep FSB's with a 6 in (152 mm) cast-in-place topping slab
- Link slabs were utilized in the topping slab over the intermediate bents



# Design Approach

## > Superstructure Design



- FSB's Utilized CFRP prestressing tendons with GFRP reinforcing bars
  - Concrete has 28-day compressive stress of 8,500 psi (59 MPa)
  - Tendons are 0.6 in (15 mm) diameter 7-strand
  - Tendons stressed to 70% of guaranteed ultimate tensile strength
- Topping slab utilized GFRP reinforcing bars
  - Concrete has a 28-day compressive stress of 5,500 psi (38 MPa)
  - Concrete included shrinkage reducing admixtures
- Link slab utilized GFRP reinforcing bars
  - Concrete has a 28-day compressive stress of 5,500 psi (38 MPa)
  - Concrete included shrinkage reducing admixtures and polymeric fibers
  - Debonding was set at 5% of the adjacent span



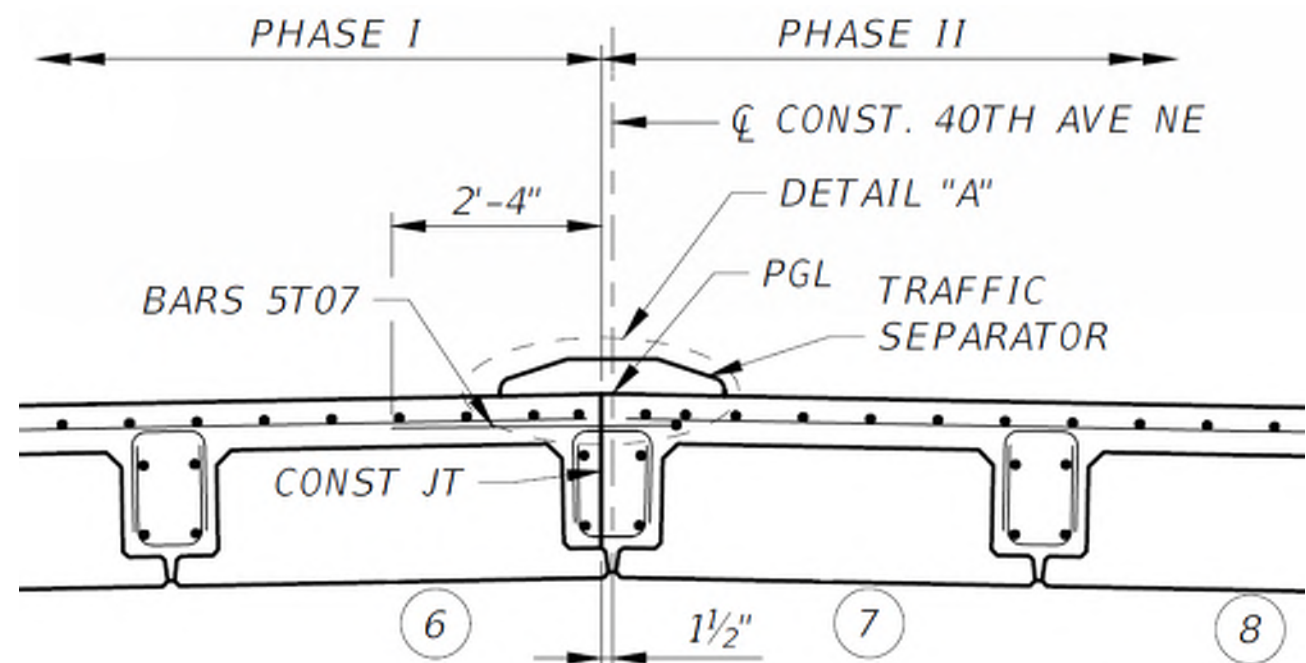
# Challenges

## > Phased Construction

- Substructure construction joints required threaded mechanical splices that aren't available with GFRP reinforcing bars
- Stainless steel reinforcing bars were lap spliced with GFRP bars to incorporate the threaded mechanical splices
- Superstructure construction joint was aligned with a joint between FSB's and formed with the topping slab

## > Cost Estimate

- Accurate pricing without a developed history from previous projects



# Next Steps

## > Advertisement

- Project was advertised in August 2020 with bids opened in September 2020
- Bid prices for FRP elements

Item Description	Low Bid Unit Price	Ave. Unit Price
Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars, #5 Bar	\$1.75/LF	\$2.37/LF
Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars, #6 Bar	\$2.71/LF	\$2.85/LF
Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars, #7 Bar	\$3.44/LF	\$3.24/LF
Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars, #8 Bar	\$3.74/LF	\$3.37/LF
Prestressed Beam: Florida Slab Beam, Beam Depth 18"	\$670/LF	\$554/LF
Prestressed Conc Piling, 24" SQ w/FRP or SS Strand and Reinf	\$378/LF	\$561/LF

## > Construction

- Scheduled to start this winter

QUESTIONS?







## Thank you

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# Field Applications of Non-Conventional Reinforcing and Strengthening Methods for Bridges and Structures, Part 3 of 3

**Moderator: Steven Nolan** (Jimmy Kim & Antonio Nanni support)

*6 x 16 min. presentations + 3 min. Q&A each.*

- 1:05 pm**      **Repair of Structures Using UHPC**  
*Peter Weber (ceEntek Pte Ltd)*
- 1:24 pm**      **Impact Damage Retrofit of RC Bridge Girder Previously Retrofitted with CFRP Fabric - Issam Harik (University of Kentucky)**
- 1:43pm**      **FRP Strengthening and Evaluation for Corrosion Deteriorated Bridge Bent Caps on US-80 Bridge near Dallas, TX**  
*Nur Yazdani (University of Texas at Arlington)*
- 2:02 pm**      **FRP Retrofitting and Non-Destructive Evaluation for Corrosion-Deteriorated Bridges in West Virginia - Hai Nguyen & Hien Nghiem (Marshall University)**
- 2:21 pm**      **Bridge Substructure Repairs with Basalt, Carbon, and Glass FRP Internal Reinforcement - Mohit Soni (Stantec)**
- 2:40 pm**      **Shear Strengthening Sunshine Skyway Trestle Spans Beam Strengthening with CFRP - Atiq Alvi (T.Y. Lin International)**

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# Application of UHPC 2.0™ for a non-conventional reinforcing and strengthening of a reinforced concrete beam for bridges and structures



Less Cement   Low Carbon Footprint   No Silica Fume   Less Steel   Less Chemicals   Sustainable

Wang Su, PhD, Peter W. Weber  
ceEntek Pte Ltd

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# A new concept for bridge and raised roadway repair and strengthening



Courtesy Walo Switzerland

# Bridge Overlay: Strengthen, Repair and Protect the Bridge Structure

Initial focus on Market in Switzerland and NA in cooperation with local contractors

- Advanced concept for Bridge rehabilitation
  - No added weight to the structure
  - Strengthening plus protection
  - Stops Chloride penetration into the structure
  - Extended lifetime
- On the way to worldwide standard
  - Switzerland, USA, China
- Requires thixotropic UHPC
- Critical material issues
  - Consistent fresh properties
  - Consistent hardened properties
  - Bond strength
  - Cost
- Worldwide opportunities
  - USA, Europe, China
  - Requires trained local contractor



Newport Bridge, Rhode Island, October 2020, ceEntek ce200SF-t

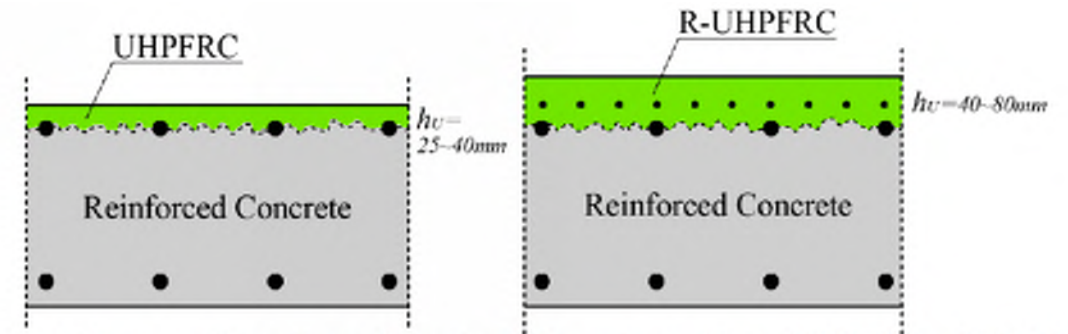


Figure 3: Basic configurations of structural elements combining UHPFRC and RC: left: UHPFRC layer has a protective function only; right: R-UHPFRC layer has structural resistance and protective functions.

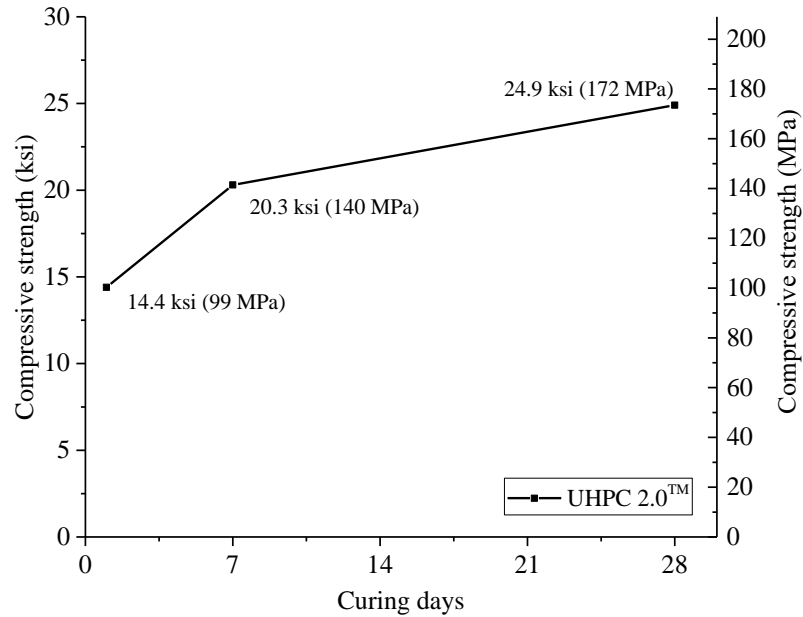


Fresh properties of ce200SF-t™: Thixotropic behavior

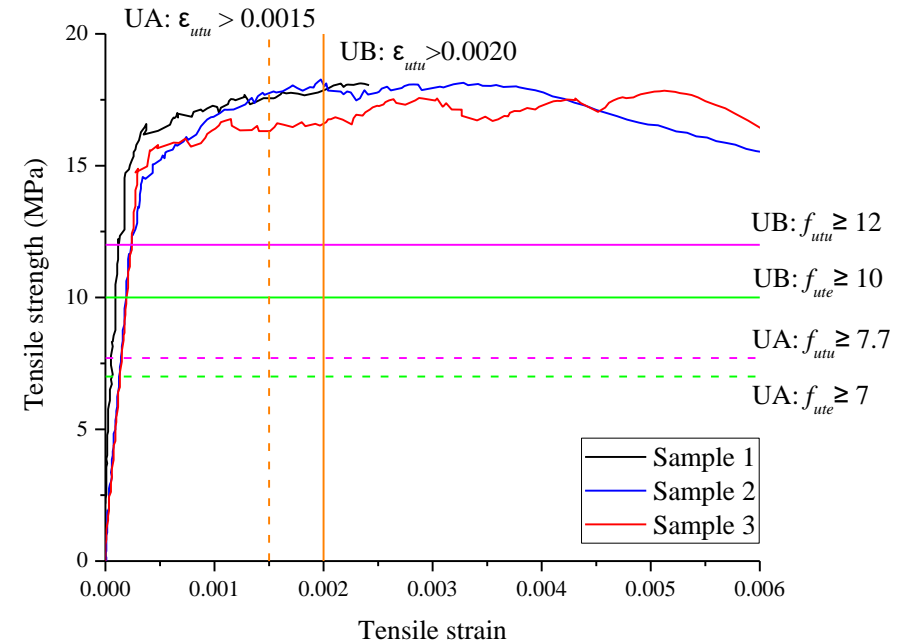




Compressive strength of ce200SF-t™



Direct tensile performance of ce200SF-t™



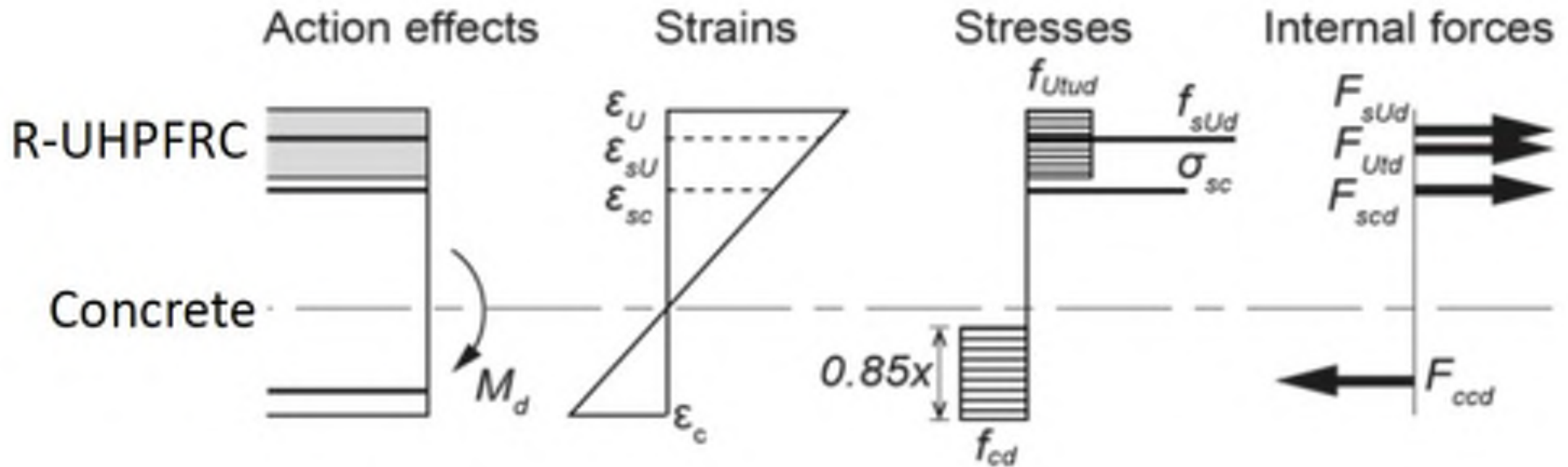
Flexural strength and elastic modulus of ce200SF-t™

Curing ages	7 days	28 days
Flexural strength (ksi/MPa)	6.1/42.0	7.6/52.2
Elastic modulus (ksi/GPa)	5613/38.7	7470/51.5

Comparison of the requirements of SIA 2052 with measured values in the direct tensile test

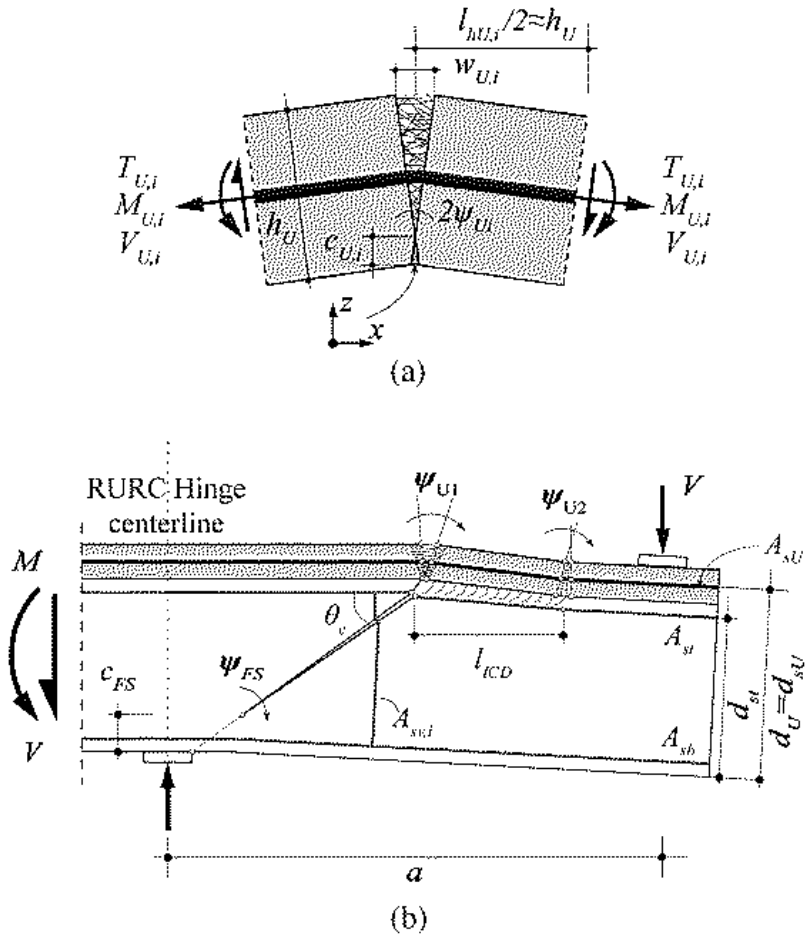
Parameter	Required minimum value			Measured values			Requirements for		
	UO	UA	UB	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	UO	UA	UB
$f_{ute}$ , ksi (MPa)	≥ 1.0 (7.0)	≥ 1.0 (7.0)	≥ 1.5 (10.0)	2.1 (14.3)	2.1 (14.3)	2.1 (14.7)	Fulfilled	Fulfilled	Fulfilled
$f_{utu}$ , ksi (MPa)	≥ 0.7 (4.9)	≥ 1.1 (7.7)	≥ 1.7 (12)	2.6 (18.1)	2.7 (18.3)	2.6 (17.8)	Fulfilled	Fulfilled	Fulfilled
$f_{utu}/f_{ute}$	> 0.7	> 1.1	> 1.2	1.27	1.28	1.21	Fulfilled	Fulfilled	Fulfilled
$\epsilon_{utu}$ (%)	-	> 0.15	> 0.2	0.23	0.21	0.51	Fulfilled	Fulfilled	Fulfilled

Mechanism of bending resistance of UHPFRC reinforced concrete beam (RU-RC beam) [1]



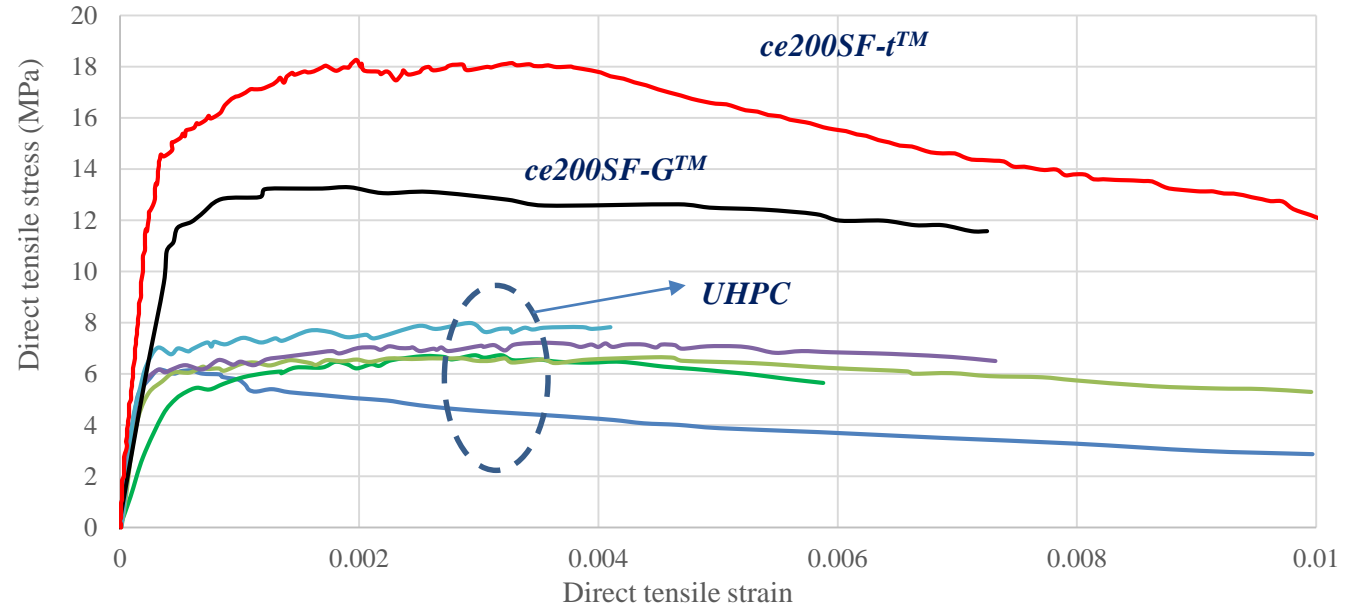
Tensile strength is primary force

Importance of tensile strength



Flexural- Shear collapse mechanism (a) R-UHPFRC hinge;  
 (b) flexure-shear crack defining the member failure [2]

ceEntek UHPC 2.0™ VS UHPC in tensile performance



Balance of Bonding-, Compression- and Tensile strength

- Bonding strength defines monolithic behavior
- Compression- plus tensile strength define the member failure



# ceEntek Solution For Bridge Overlay: UHPC 2.0™ (ce200SF-t™)

## Rapid chloride penetration test (ASTM C1202)

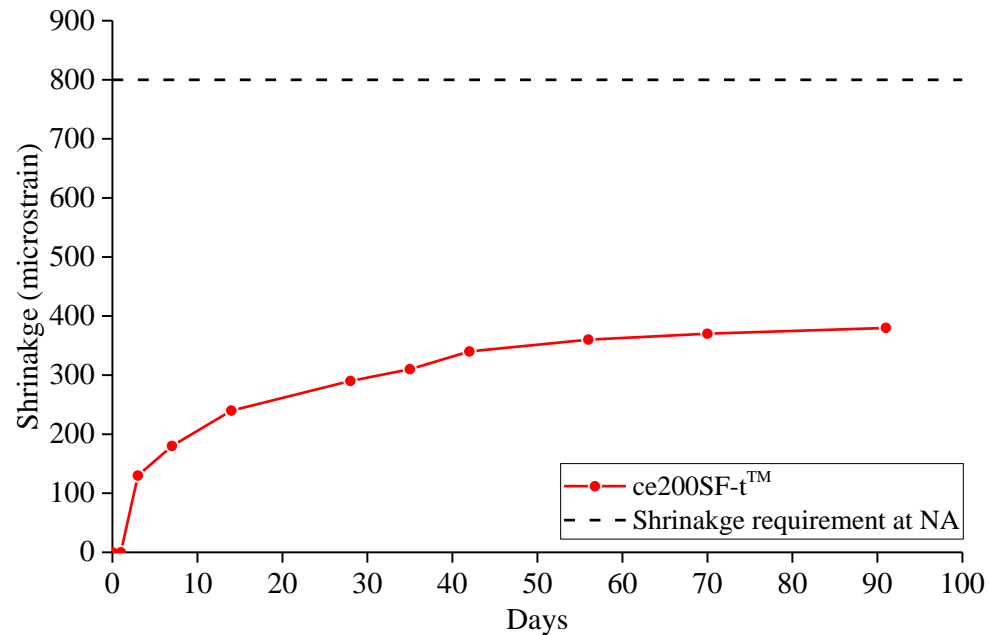
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Average	Classification
Charge passed (coulombs)	205	186	211	200	Very low

## Water absorption test (ASTM C642)

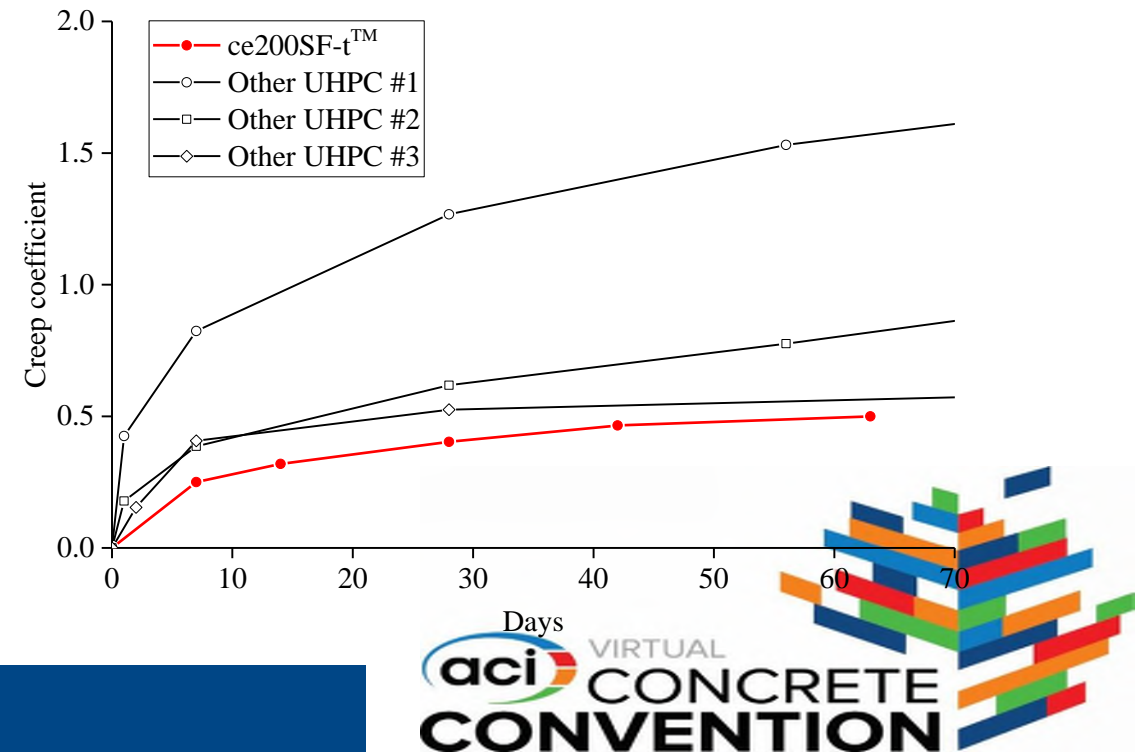
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Average	Classification
Absorption after immersion %	0.7	0.65	0.675	DL200*

\*DL200 is the top classification in Canada standard --- CSA A23.1-19 Annex U

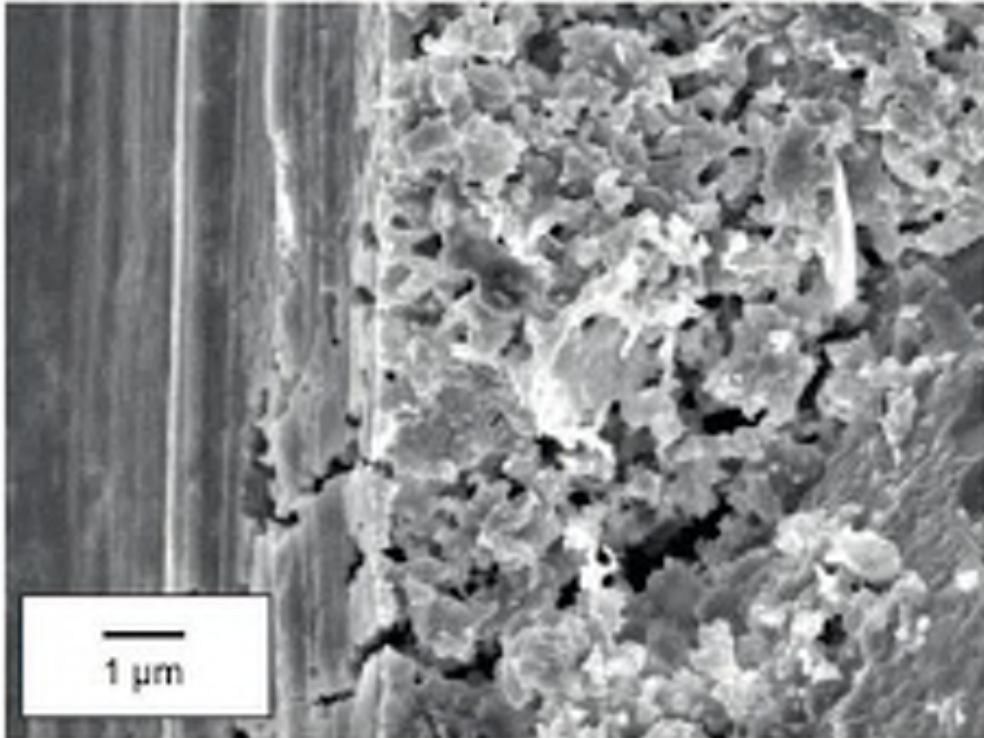
## Drying shrinkage test (SIA 262/1, appendix F)



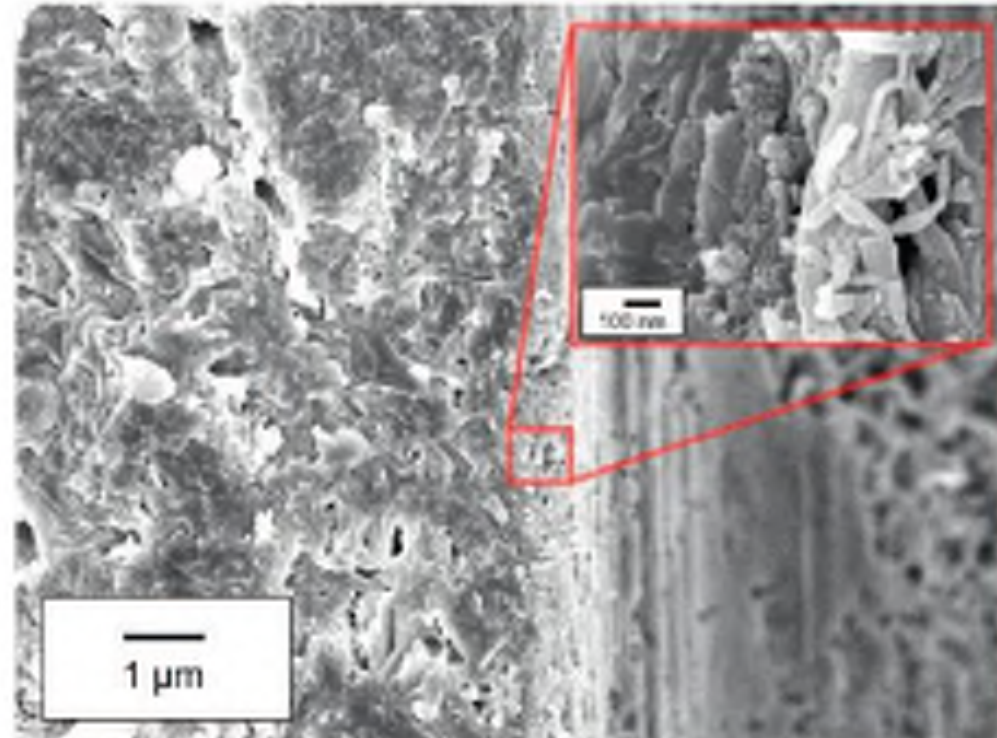
## Creep test (SIA 262/1, appendix F)



## Advantage of Nano-technology



Porous interfacial transition zone between fiber and UHPC [3]



Denser interfacial transition zone between fiber and ceEntek UHPC 2.0™ [3]

‘Wall’ effect creates Nanofibers rich transition Zone around Macro-fibers

Certification tests of ce200SF-t™, SIA2052, Switzerland

Switzerland is one of the first countries worldwide with a Code for UHPC.

SIA2052 specifies three different levels of performance: UO, UA and UB (highest)

ceEntek is meeting and exceeding the highest levels of requirement as specified in the Code.

While worldwide Codes may differ slightly, UHPC is on the way to become a standardized product.

parameter	required minimum value			measured value		requirements for		
	UO	UA	UB	tensile test	flexural test	UO	UA	UB
$f_{Utek}$	$\geq 7.0$ MPa	$\geq 7.0$ MPa	$\geq 10.0$ MPa	13.0 MPa	10.8 MPa	fulfilled	fulfilled	fulfilled
$f_{Utuk} / f_{Utek}$	$> 0.7$	$> 1.1$	$> 1.2$	1.23	1.45	fulfilled	fulfilled	fulfilled
$\epsilon_{Utu}$	-	$> 1.5$ ‰	$> 2.0$ ‰	3.15 ‰	3.62 ‰	fulfilled	fulfilled	fulfilled
strength	$f_{Uck} \geq 120$ MPa			158.7 MPa		fulfilled		

parameter	required minimum value			measured value	requirements for		
	UO	UA	UB		UO	UA	UB
compressive strength	$f_{Uck} \geq 120$ MPa			163.7 MPa	fulfilled		
sorption coefficient	$S < 100$ g/(m <sup>2</sup> ·h <sup>0.5</sup> )			89.0 g/(m <sup>2</sup> ·h <sup>0.5</sup> )	fulfilled		

parameter	measured value
Elastic modulus after 28 days, SN EN 12390-13, prisms 40x40x160 mm	51.5 GPa
Shrinkage value after 91 days, SIA 262/1, appendix F, sealed prisms 40x40x160 mm	- 0.28 ‰
Shrinkage value after 91 days, SIA 262/1, appendix F, unsealed prisms 40x40x160 mm	- 0.38 ‰
Autogenous shrinkage, ASTM-C 1698-09, up to 28 days	- 0.59 ‰
Creep coefficient after 91 days, SIA 262/1, appendix F, unsealed prisms 40x40x160 mm	0.50



## Calculation of Bending Resistance Of UHPFRC Reinforced Concrete Beam (RU-RC Beam)

The bending resistance calculated here is at a negative bending moment cross section where the UHPFRC layer is in tension and the bottom of the original concrete beam is in compression. At the ultimate limit state, the bottom surface of the original concrete beam is crushed, in other word, the concrete strain at bottom surface reach the ultimate value  $\epsilon_c = 0.003$ . At them same time, for a tension failure mode, the steel reinforcement in the UHPFRC layer is yielding. According on the calculation graph in last slide and force equilibrium, the depth of compressive zone  $x$  can be calculated according to following equations:

$$f_{Utu}bh_u + f_{sU}A_{sU} + \sigma_{sc}A_{sc} = 0.85x \cdot f_{cd}b$$

$$\sigma_{sc} = E_{sc}\epsilon_c \cdot \frac{d_{sc} - x}{x}$$

If  $\sigma_{sc} < f_{sc}$ , then the bending resistance  $M$  is:

$$M = f_{Utu}bh_u(h_c + h_U - 0.425x - \frac{h_U}{2}) + f_{sU}A_{sU}(d_{sU} - 0.425x) + \sigma_{sc}A_{sc}(d_{sc} - 0.425x)$$

If  $\sigma_{sc} \geq f_{sc}$ , then the depth of compressive zone  $x$  should be re-calculated:

$$x = (f_{Utu}bh_u + f_{sU}A_{sU} + f_{sc}A_{sc}) / (0.85f_{cd}b)$$

Then the bending resistance  $M$  should be calculated by the last equation again.

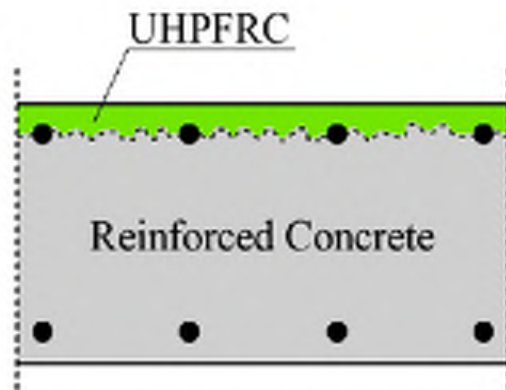
$b$  is the width of the beam cross section;  $h_c$  is the height of the beam cross section;  $h_U$  is the thickness of UHPFRC layer;  $d_{sU}$  is the distance between the steel reinforcement at UHPFRC layer and bottom surface of the original concrete beam;  $f_{sU}$  is the yield strength of steel bars at UHPFRC layer;  $A_{sU}$  is the steel bar area at UHPFRC layer;  $\sigma_{sc}$  is the tension stress at the top steel reinforcement of the original concrete beam;  $f_{sc}$  is the yield strength of the top steel reinforcement of the original concrete beam;  $E_{sc}$  is the elastic modulus of the top steel reinforcement of the original concrete beam;  $d_{sc}$  is the distance between the top steel reinforcement and bottom surface of the original concrete beam;  $A_{sc}$  is the steel bar area of the top steel reinforcement of the original concrete beam;  $f_{cd}$  is the compressive strength of original concrete;

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ce200SF-t™ displays a higher tensile strength than traditional UHPFRC

	$f_{Utu}$ (MPa)
ce200SF-t™	18
Traditional UHPFRC	10

## Case 1 : repairing overlay without steel reinforcement



	b (mm)	h (mm)	$f_c$ (MPa)	$f_{sc}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{sc}$ (%)	$f_{Utu}$ (MPa)	$h_U$ (mm)
Traditional UHPFRC	150	250	50	566	0.66	10	<b>50</b>
ce200SF-t™						18	<b>26</b>

To obtain the same reinforcement strength, the layer of **ce200SF-t™** needed is significantly lower than with traditional UHPFRC: with an **overlay 48% thinner**, the same results can be achieved.

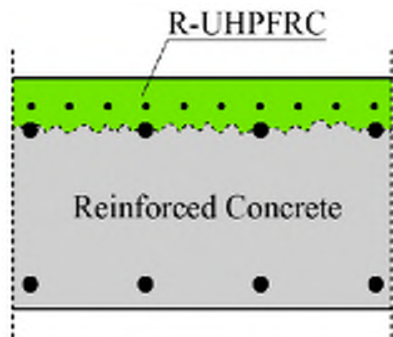
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Traditional UHPFRC	10

## Case 2 : repairing overlay with steel reinforcement



	b (mm)	h (mm)	$f_c$ (MPa)	$f_{sc}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{sc}$ (%)	$f_{sU}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{sU}$ (%)	$f_{Utu}$ (MPa)	$h_U$ (mm)
Traditional UHPFRC	150	250	50	566	0.66	710	2.70	10	50
ce200SF-t™								18	29

With a steel-reinforced UHPFRC layer, to obtain the same reinforcement strength, the layer of ce200SF-t™ needed is significantly lower than with traditional UHPFRC: with an **overlay 42% thinner**, the same result can be achieved.

**b** is the width of the beam cross section; **h** is the height of the beam cross section;  $f_c$  is the compressive strength of original concrete;  $f_{sc}$  is the yield strength of the top steel reinforcement of the original concrete beam;  $\rho_{sc}$  is the ratio of the bottom steel reinforcement area over the effective depth of the beam cross section;  $f_{sU}$  is the yield strength of steel bars at UHPFRC layer;  $\rho_{sU}$  is the steel bar ratio at UHPFRC layer;  $f_{Utu}$  is the UHPFRC tensile strength;  $h_U$  is the thickness of UHPFRC layer.

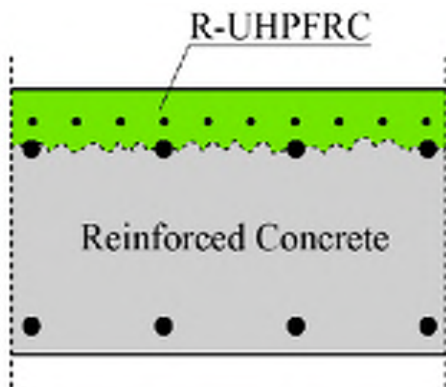


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ce200SF-t™	18
Traditional UHPFRC	10

Case 3 : repairing overlay with steel reinforcement, keeping the same layer thickness, but reducing the steel reinforcement volume



	b (mm)	h (mm)	$f_c$ (MPa)	$f_{sc}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{sc}$ (%)	$f_{sU}$ (MPa)	$h_U$ (mm)	$f_{Utu}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{sU}$ (%)
Traditional UHPFRC	150	250	50	566	0.66	710	50	10	2.70
ce200SF-t™								18	1.56

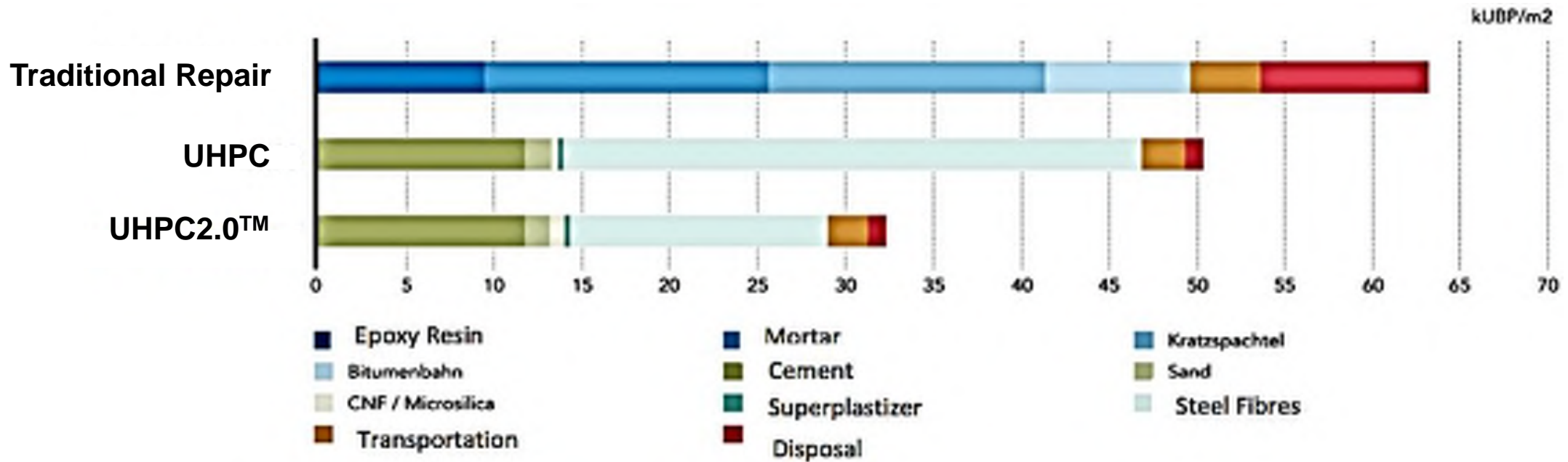
With a steel-reinforced UHPFRC overlay, with a same layer thickness (50 mm), the amount of steel bar reinforcement needed with **ce200SF-t™** is significantly lower than with traditional UHPFRC: with **a reduction of 42% in steel bar volume**, the same result can be achieved.

**b** is the width of the beam cross section; **h** is the height of the beam cross section;  $f_c$  is the compressive strength of original concrete;  $f_{sc}$  is the yield strength of the top steel reinforcement of the original concrete beam;  $\rho_{sc}$  is the ratio of the bottom steel reinforcement area over the effective depth of the beam cross section;  $f_{sU}$  is the yield strength of steel bars at UHPFRC layer;  $h_U$  is the thickness of UHPFRC layer;  $f_{Utu}$  is the UHPFRC tensile strength;  $\rho_{sU}$  is the steel bar ratio at UHPFRC layer.

# Advantages of applying UHPC 2.0™ (ce200SF-t™) In Bridge Repairing

Carbon Footprint of ce200SF-t™ evaluated by Carbotech, Switzerland for Swiss Railway (SBB)

Results for Environmental Footprint: Detailed Comparison in kUBP, per m<sup>2</sup>



**Impact of steel fibers to the carbon footprint of UHPC\***

\* Same level of flexural strength

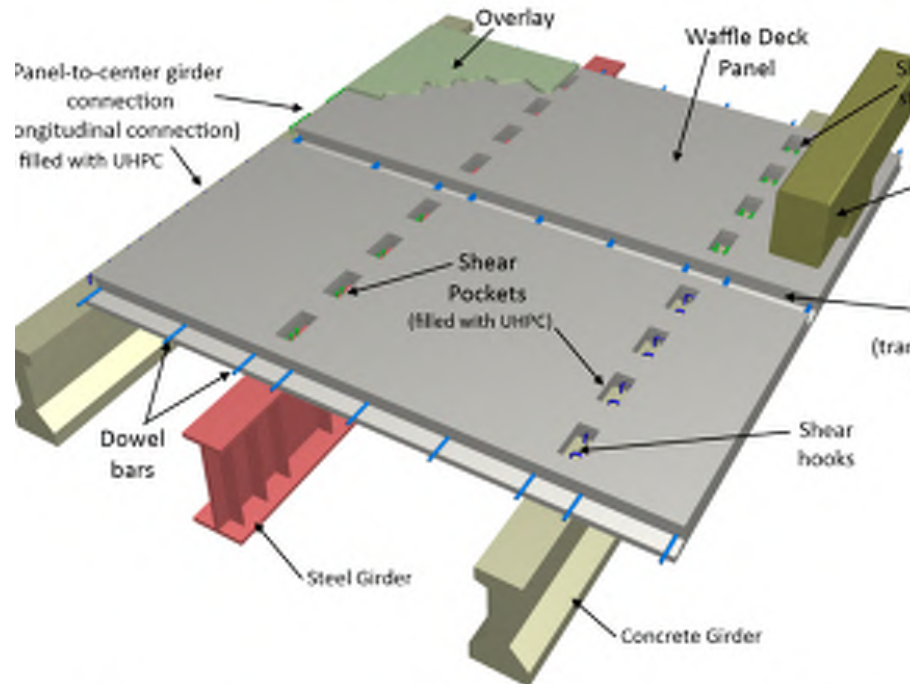


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# EXAMPLE: UHPC2.0™ BRIDGE DECKS

*Ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC) is rapidly emerging as a premier material for precast concrete construction and is ready to revolutionise and potentially change building and bridge design*

Efficient use of materials, improved space utilization, better logistics.



a) Schematic showing components a bridge with precast UHPC waffle deck system



UHPC based 'waffle decks' are **lighter and easier to handle and transport** than traditional concrete decks. This will reduce amount of concrete and logistic cost

When comparing a conventional concrete slab bridge deck used for 40- to 60-ft spans in accelerated bridge construction (ABC) applications and an optimized UHPC voided box slab using the same depth, width and load capacity, the UHPC product has about:

**52%** of  
the  
concrete

Less than  
**4%**  
of the steel

**50%**  
increased  
delivery  
radius

Source: <https://www.enr.com/articles/49236-ultra-high-performance-concrete-is-ready-to-revolutionize-precast-prestressed-concrete>



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# Impact Damage Retrofit of RC Bridge Girder Previously Retrofitted with CFRP Fabric

Abheetha Peiris and Issam Harik  
University of Kentucky



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# KY Bridge Repair With FRP

- 42 by Harik's Team
- 10 due to Truck Impact

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### Truck-Bridge Impact – Repair With CFRP



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039B00017N – KY-562 Over I-71 in Gallatin County, D06



April 23, 2014 Impact

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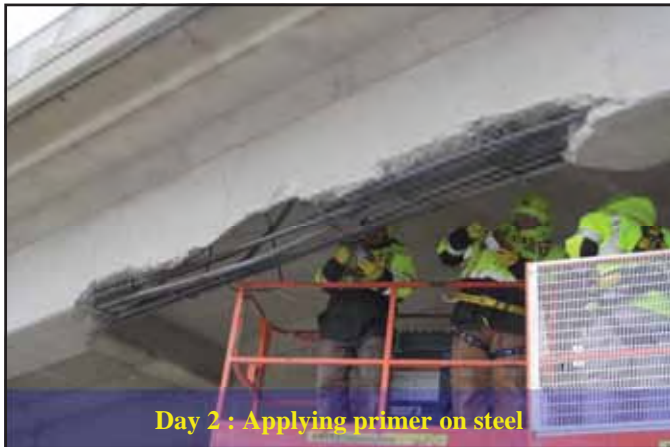
Day 2 : Replacing cut rebar

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Day 2 : Tightening coupler

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Day 2 : Applying primer on steel

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Day 7 : Mixing repair mortar with accelerant

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Day 7 : Placement of repair mortar

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Day 8 : Grinding and finishing surface preparation

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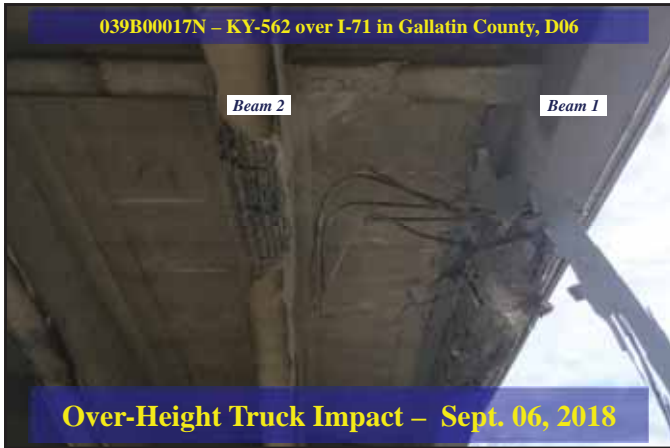
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Removal of Concrete for Rebar Coupler Attachment



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Formwork Setup for Repair Mortar for Beams 1 and 2



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Grinding Irregularities on Concrete Surface



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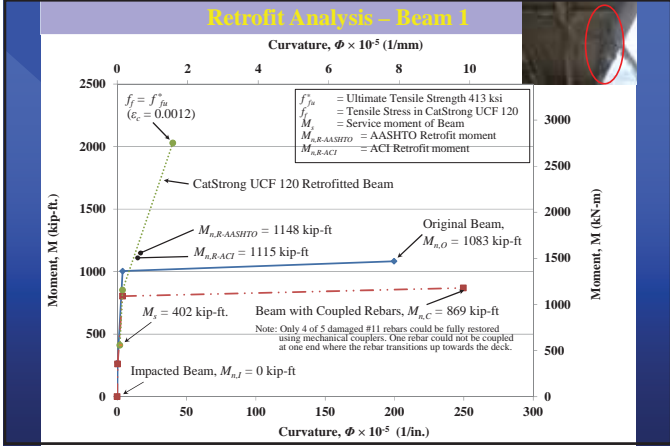
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## Retrofit Analysis - 039B00017N

Beam Condition	Moment Capacity (kip-ft)	
	Beam 1	Beam 2
As-Built Beam	1083	1083
Beam Impacted on 09/09/2018	0	976
Beam Retrofitted on 11/08/2018	1148	1253

Note: Bridge load rating and posting prior to impact on 09/06/2018 can be maintained.

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## Conclusion

Structural concrete repair  
is an area where FRP  
Materials compete and win

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## Acknowledgment

- FRP Researchers, Guides & Codes
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Federal Highway Administration
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## Questions?

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# Evaluation of FRP Strengthening for Deteriorated Bridge Bent Caps

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# Presentation Outline



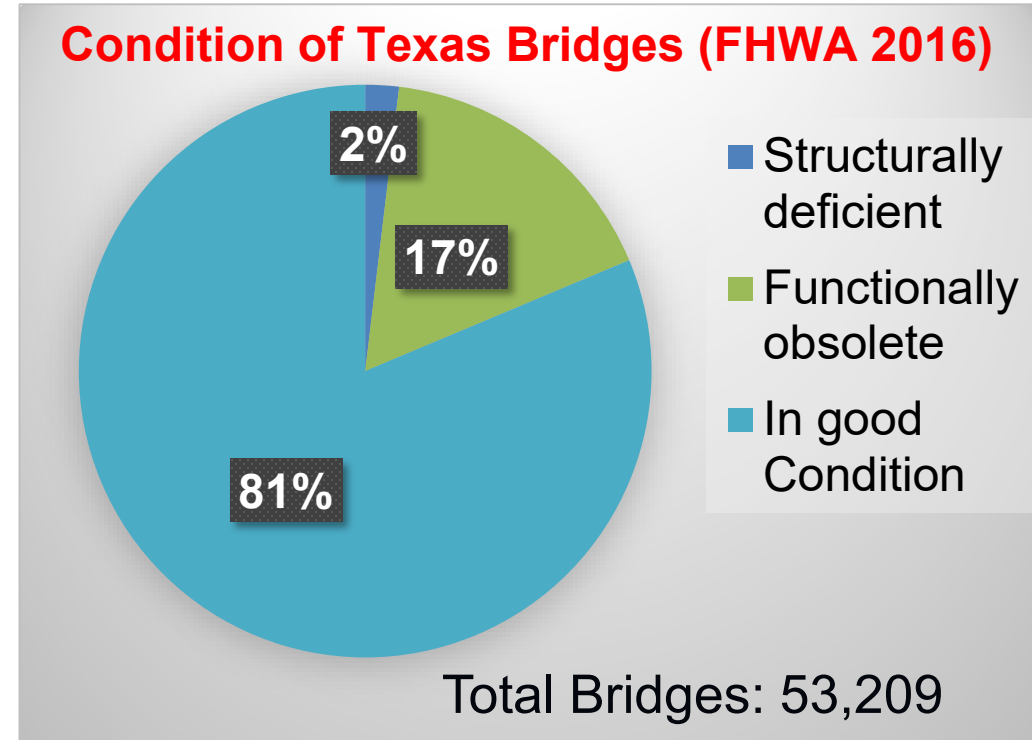
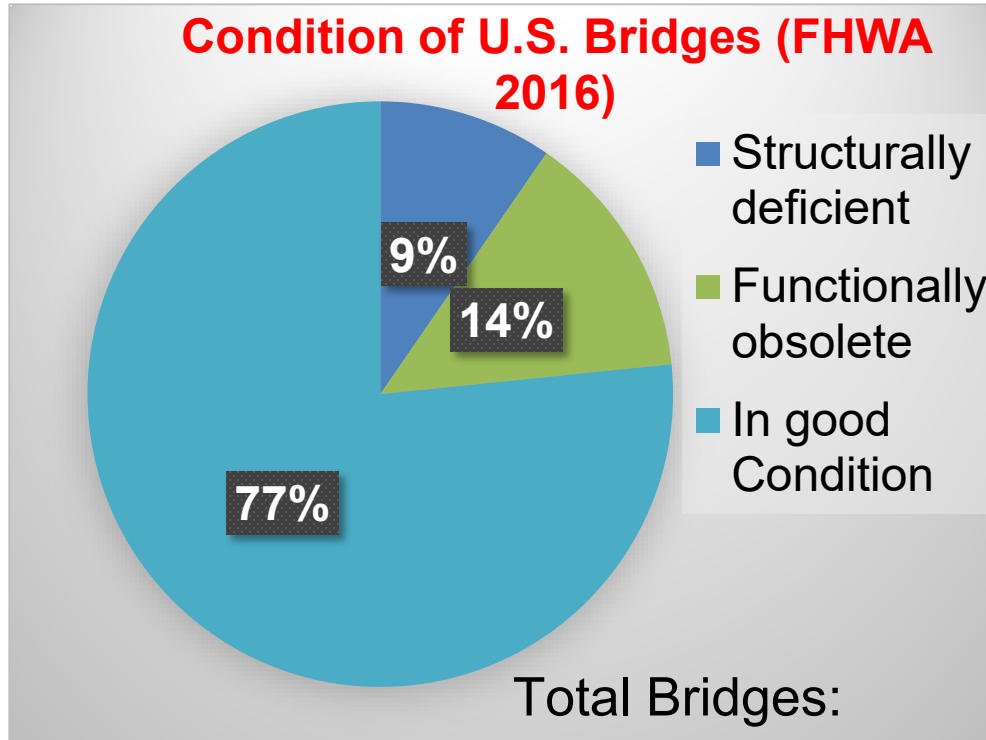
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# Introduction

- Almost **39%** of U.S bridges are 50 years or older, and there were an average of **188 million** trips across structurally deficient bridges each day (ASCE Report Card, 2017)



Source: Federal Highway Administration Annual Report, 2016

# FRP Laminate Strengthening

- Widely used for bridge superstructure
- Less used for substructure

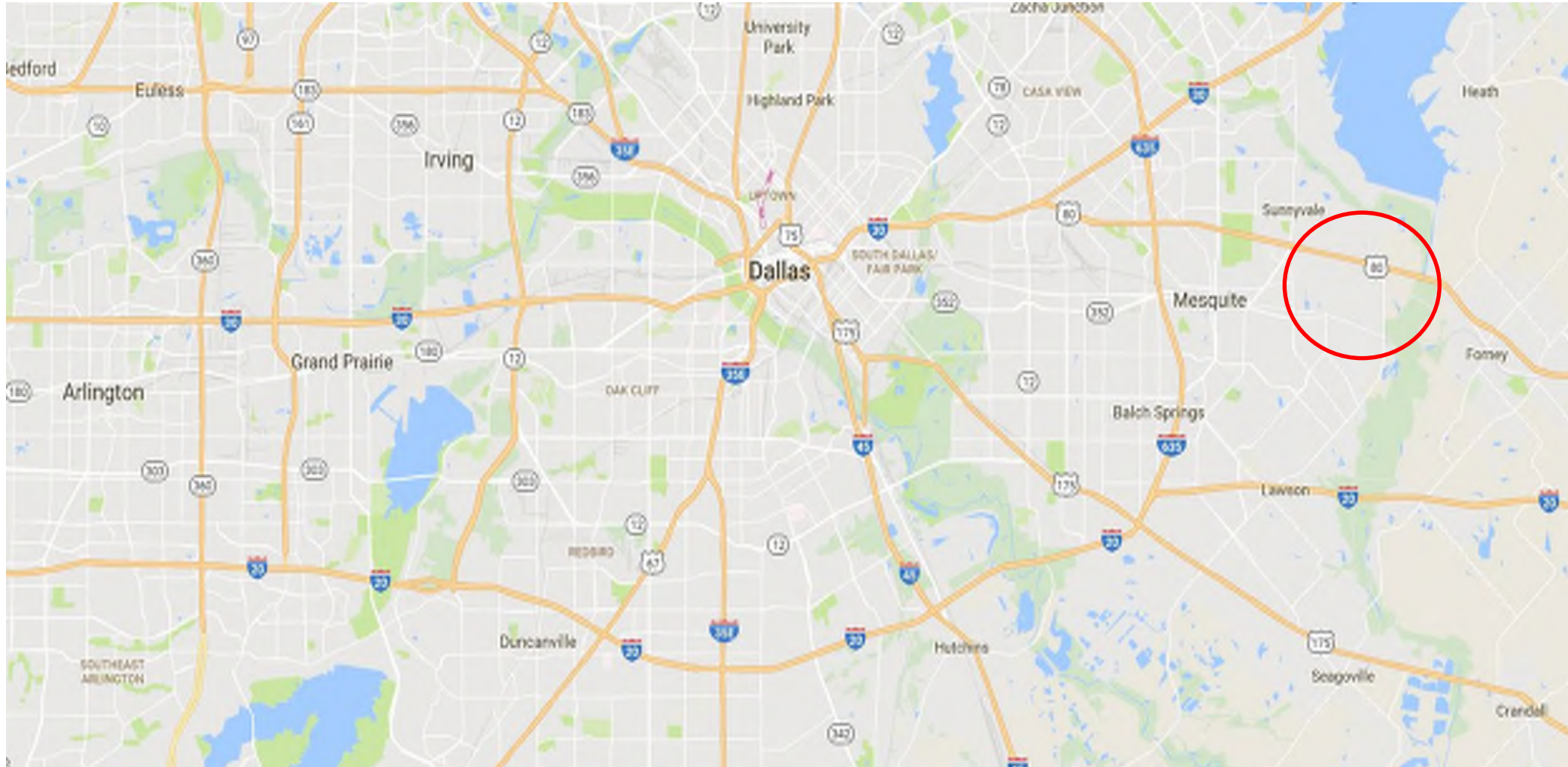
# Bridge Description

- The **west bound of US 80 over East Fork Trinity River Bridge in Dallas, TX**, was selected for this study
- Built in **1940** and widened in **1970**.
- Cast-in place reinforced concrete with **52-25 ft.** spans.
- The average daily traffic is around **29,000** vehicles (NBI 2016)
- 8-in. composite deck.
- Total of **6** concrete T beams per span.



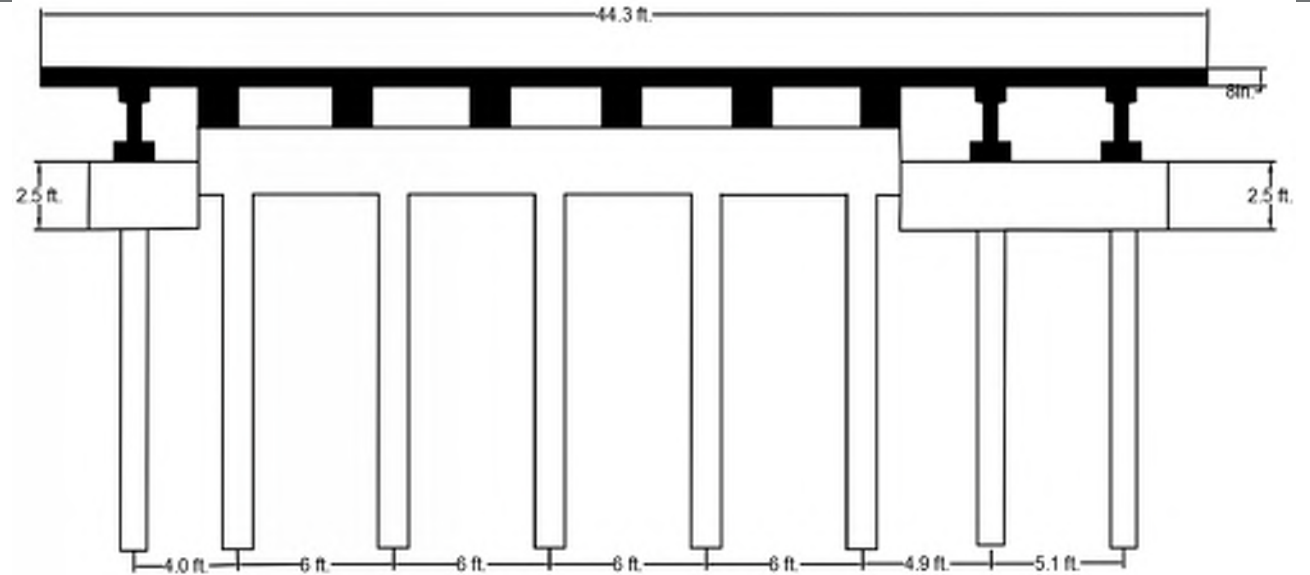


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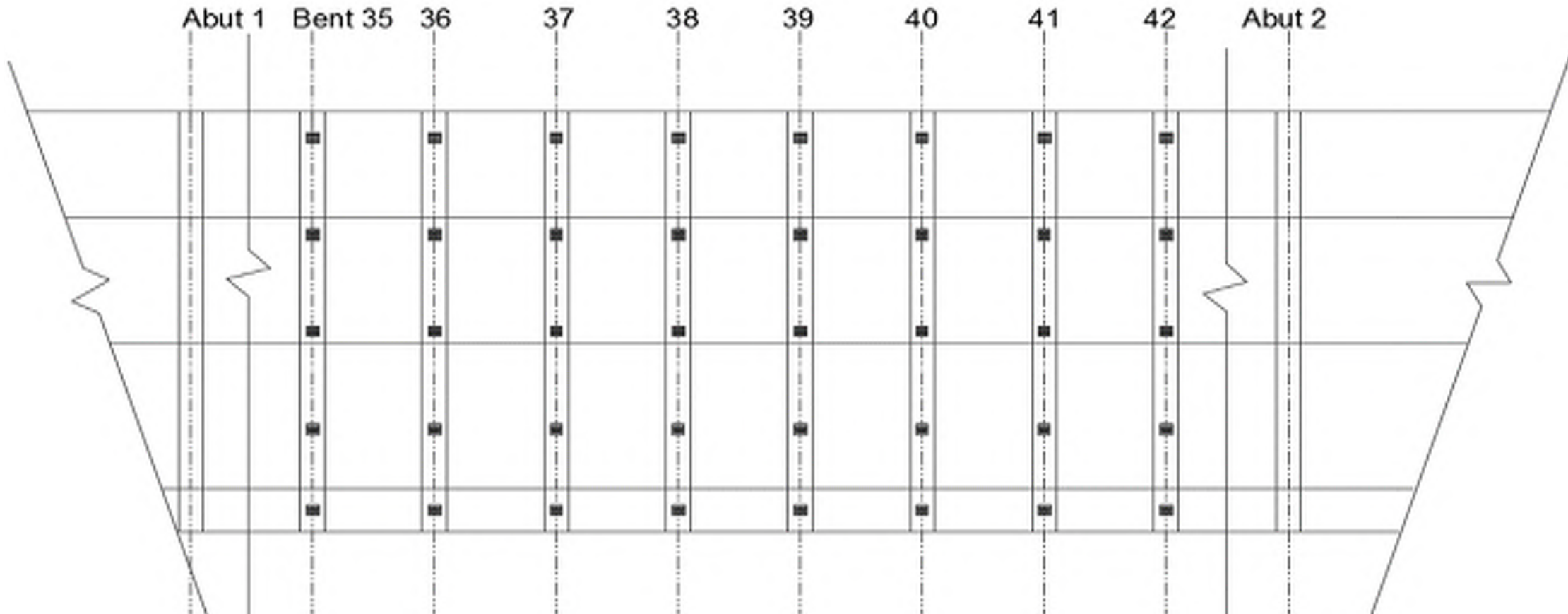
# Background

- 41.5 ft. clear roadway width with 2-2 ft. traffic lanes.
- 2000 psi concrete compressive strength.
- 33 ksi reinforcing steel yield strength.
- Significant concrete damage in some bent caps.



# Background

- Eight bent caps selected for repair.





# Visual Inspection

- Significant concrete spalling.
- **Flexural and shear rebars** exposed in some spalled areas. Some excessive corrosion.
- Difficult access to underneath of the bridge.



# Concrete Surface Preparation



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# CFRP Application

- The surface profile was prepared to CSP 3.
- CFRP was then applied on the repaired areas. For flexural strengthening, 24 in. wide CFRP used at bottom of the bent cap.





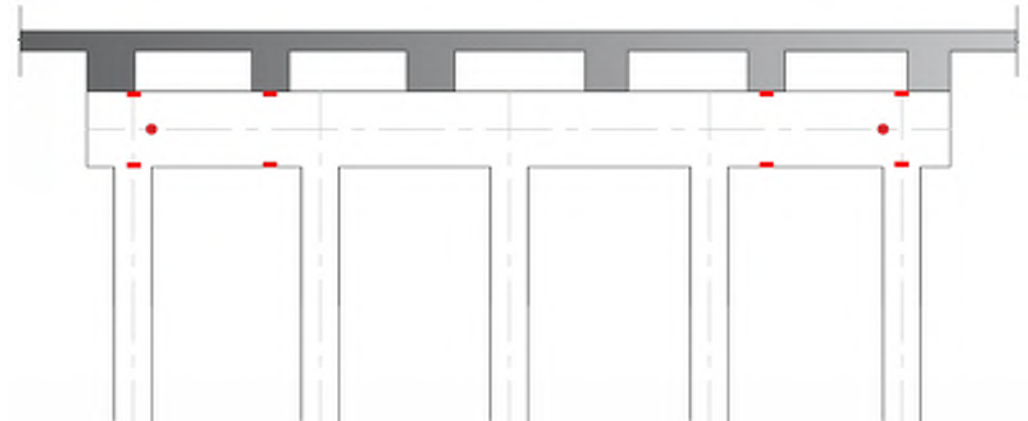
# Instrumentation and Load Testing after Repair

- Instrumentation and load testing after repair was carried out in August 2017.
- A total of **38** concrete and FRP strain gages were installed.
- Fully loaded dump trucks used.
- AASHTO static and crawl speed tests used.

	Axle 1 weight (lb.)	Axle 2 weight (lb.)	Axle 3 weight (lb.)	Total Weight (lb.)
First Truck	12,700	20,300	19,500	52,500
Second Truck	12,900	21,000	19,700	53,600

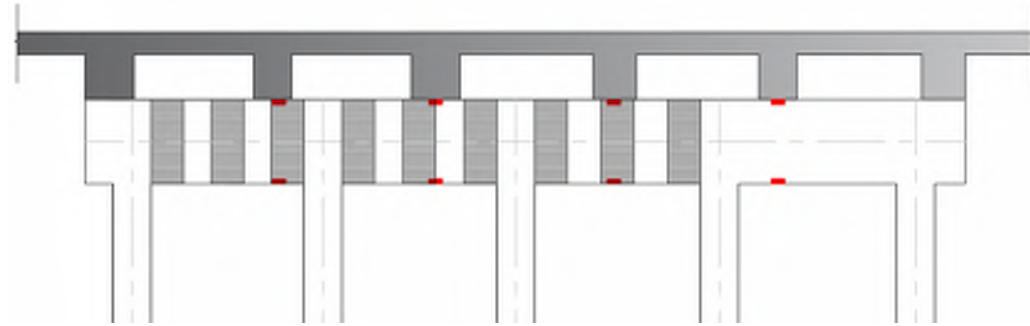


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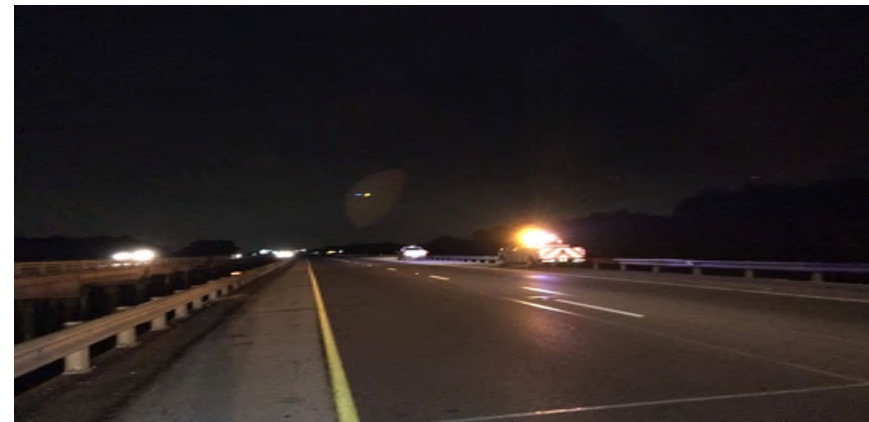


Strain gage locations for bent caps **36**

# Instrumentation and Load testing



Strain gage locations for bent cap 35



# Load Test Results

- The peak strains from all the tests were just around **20** microstrains.
- Relatively low weight of the test trucks, stiff bridge, and short bent cap spans.
- The bridge behaved **linear-elastically** since the strain readings returned to zero once the trucks were removed.

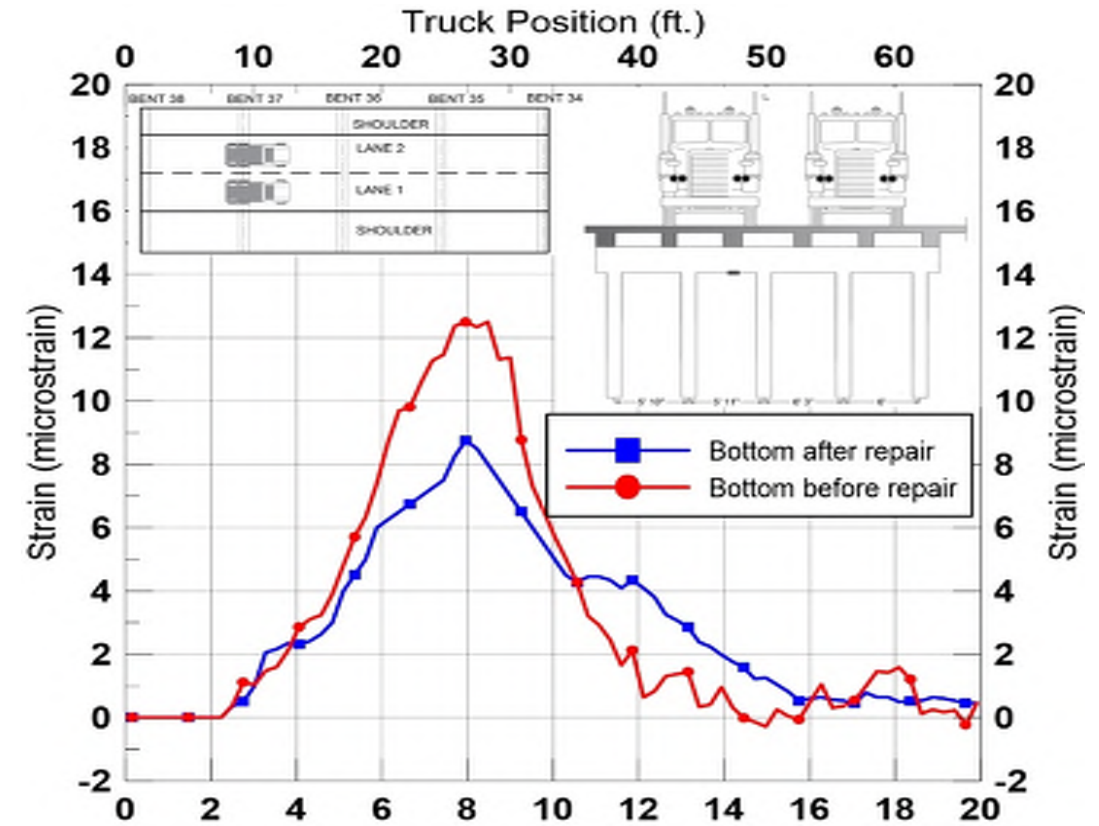




# Load Tests Results

## □ Strain comparisons, before and after repair

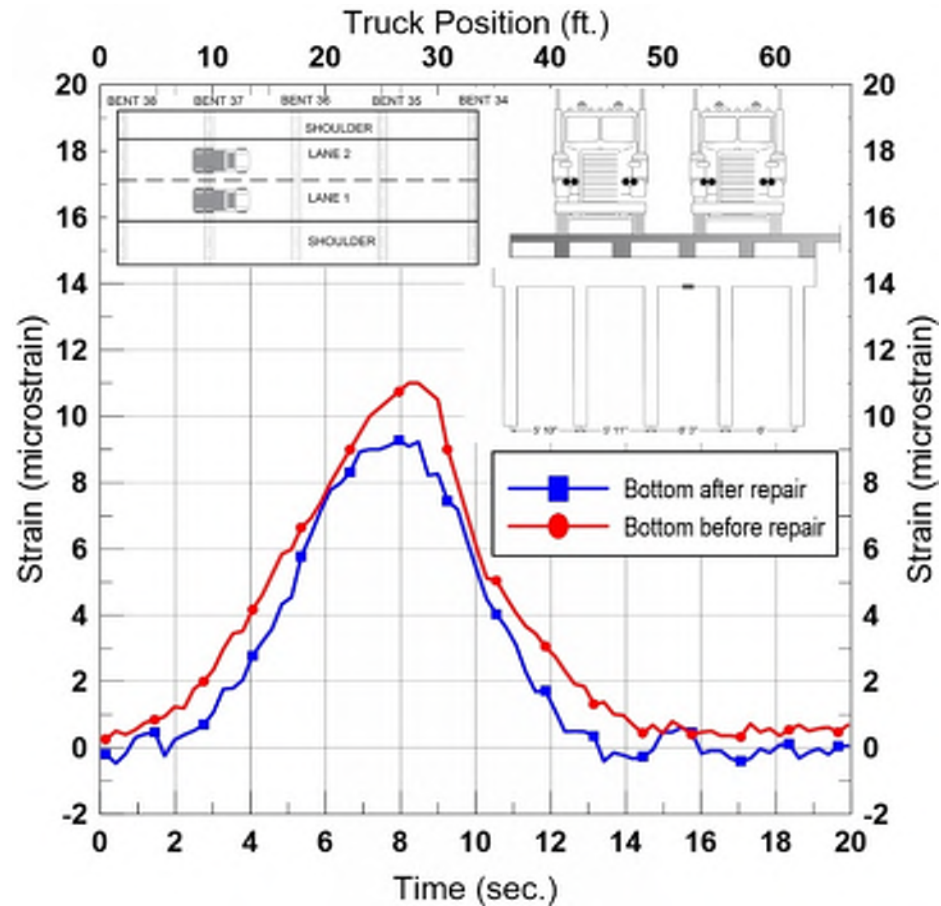
- **Crawl speed test** with two lanes loaded.
- Reduction in strain after repair for spans two and three in bent cap 37 of **28%** and **20%**, respectively.



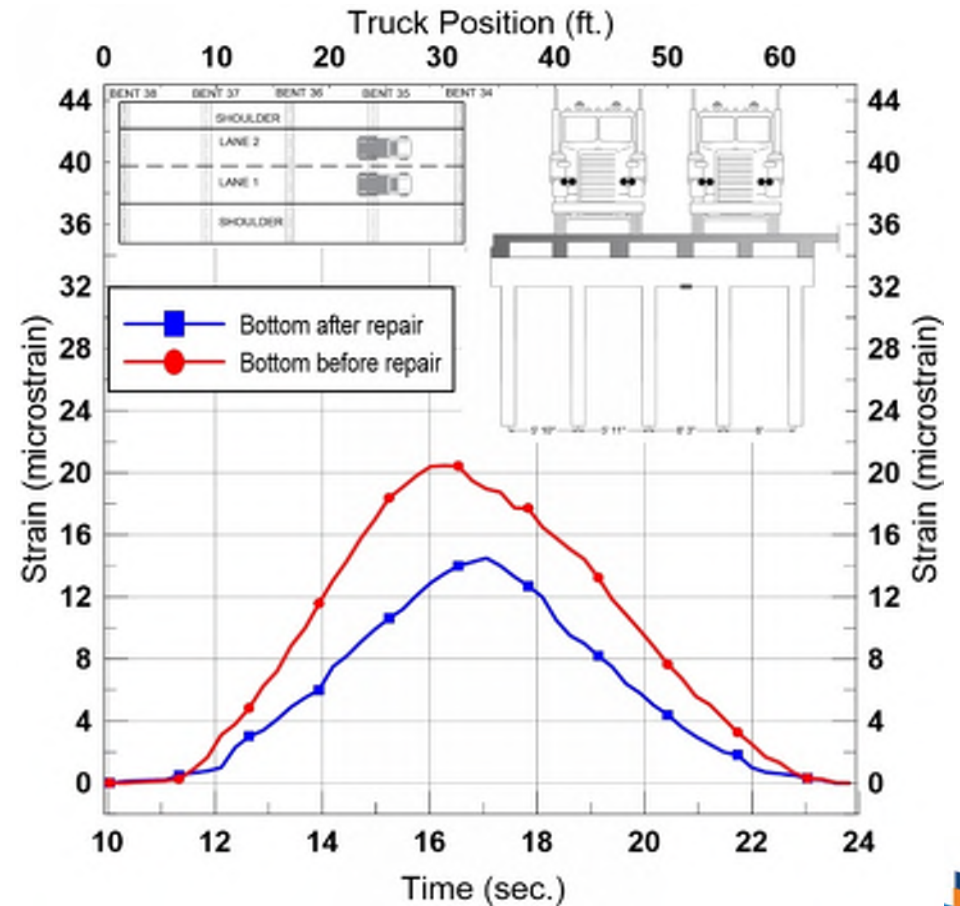
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# Load Tests Results

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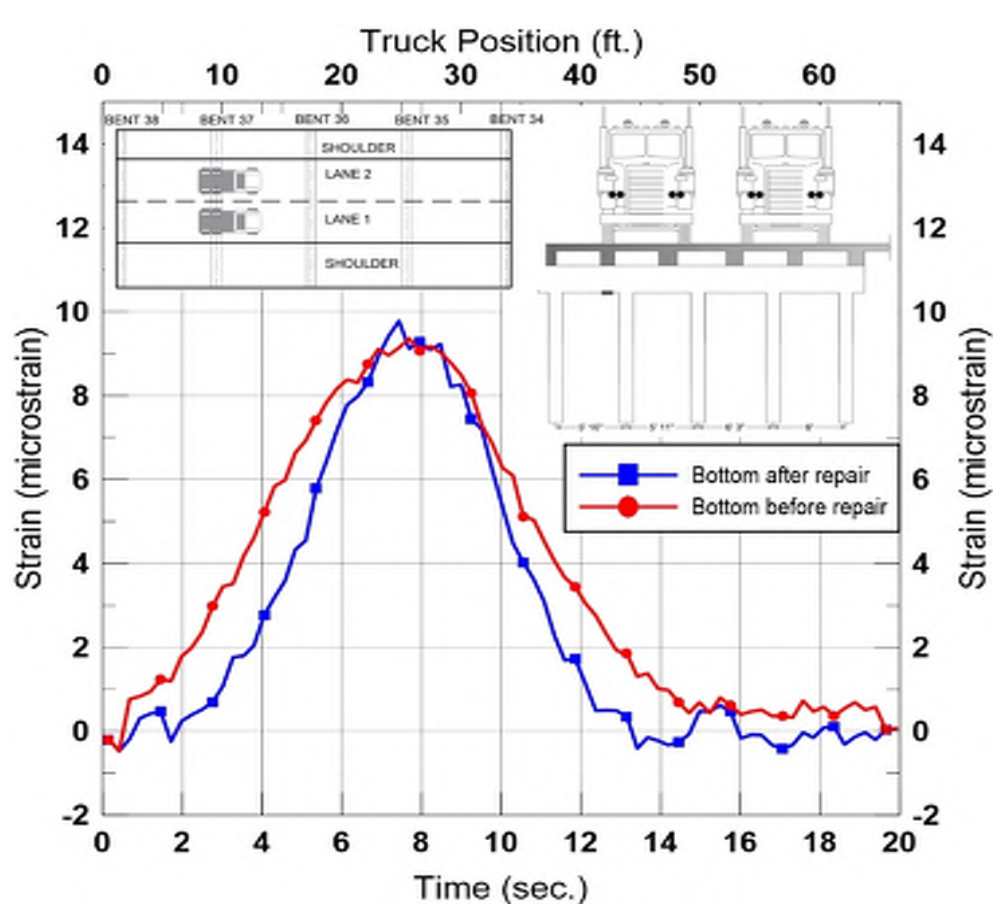
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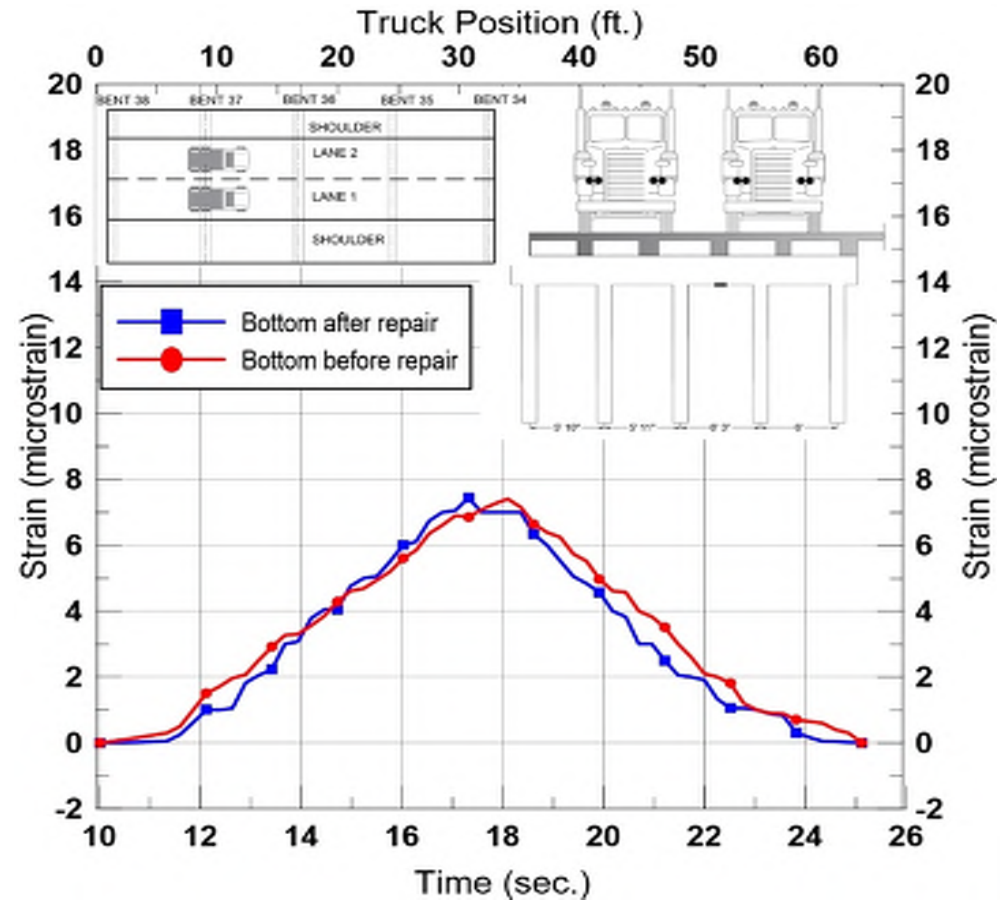
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# Load Tests Results

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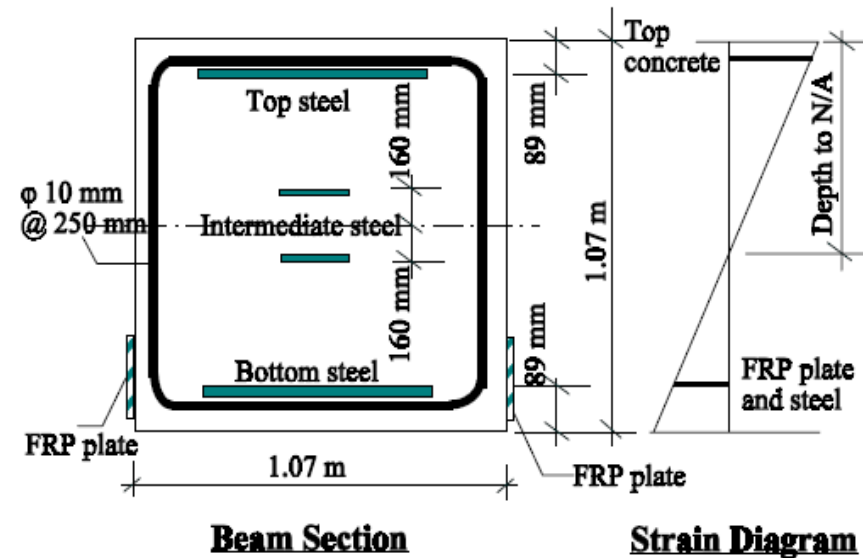
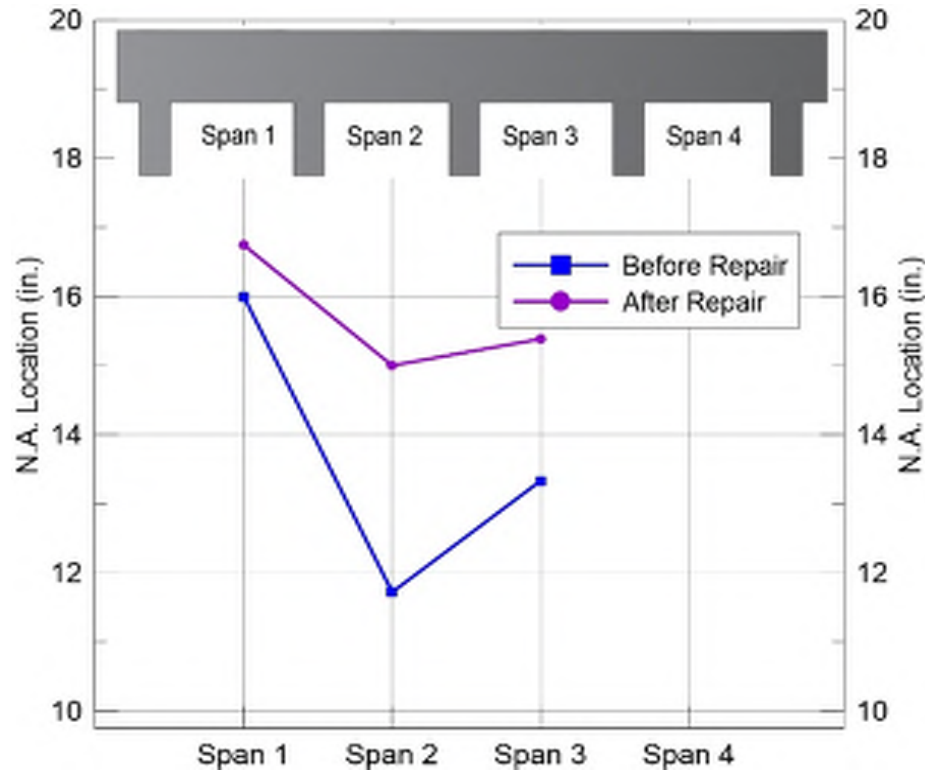


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## Neutral Axis Location

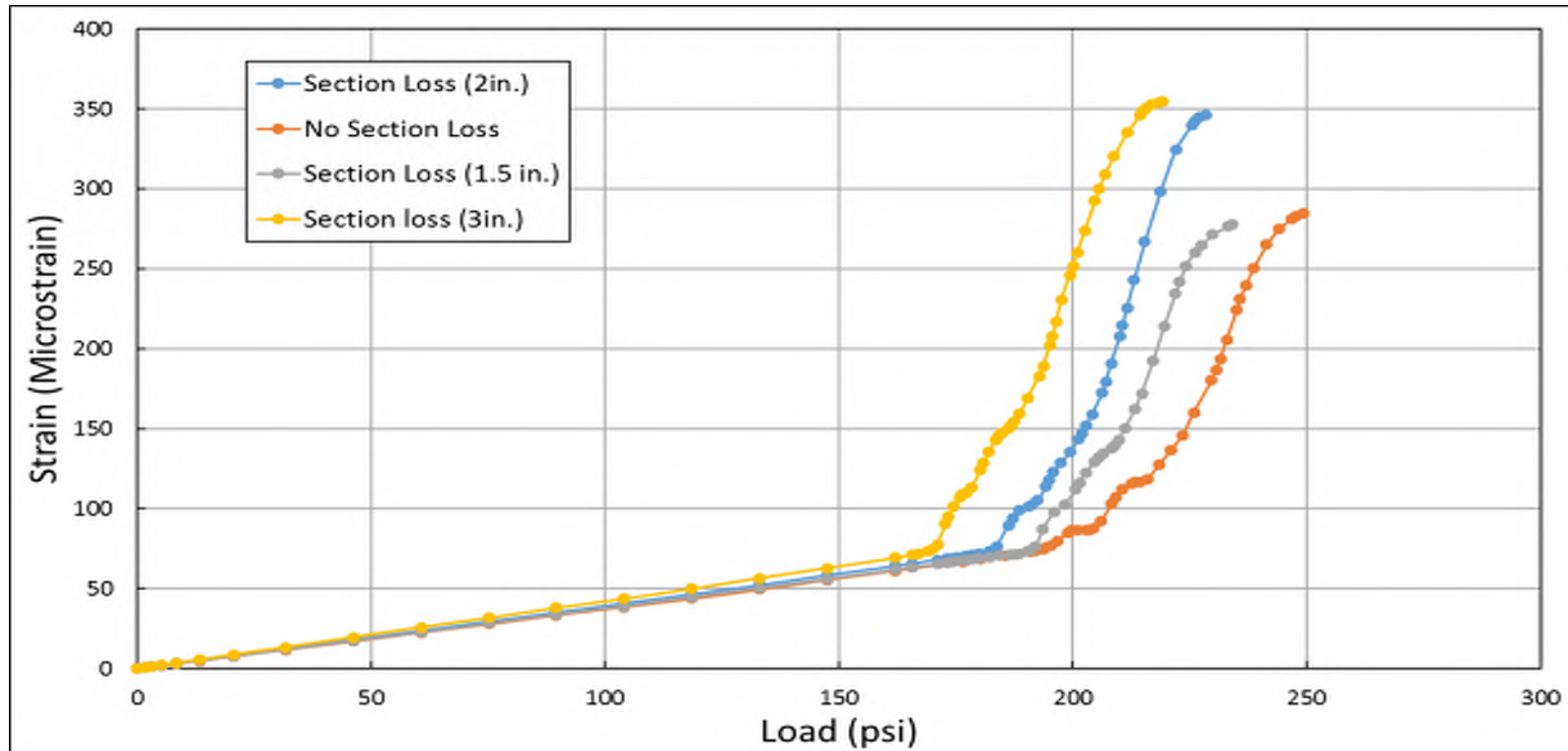
- The neutral axis moved slightly downwards after the FRP system was installed since the FRP reduced the strain at the bottom face.



$$c = d - \frac{\epsilon_b \cdot d}{\epsilon_t + \epsilon_b}$$

## Deterioration Effect

- The tensile capacity decreased with the section loss increased.



Model #	Section loss depth
1	No section loss
2	1.5 in.
3	2 in.
4	3 in.

# Model Results

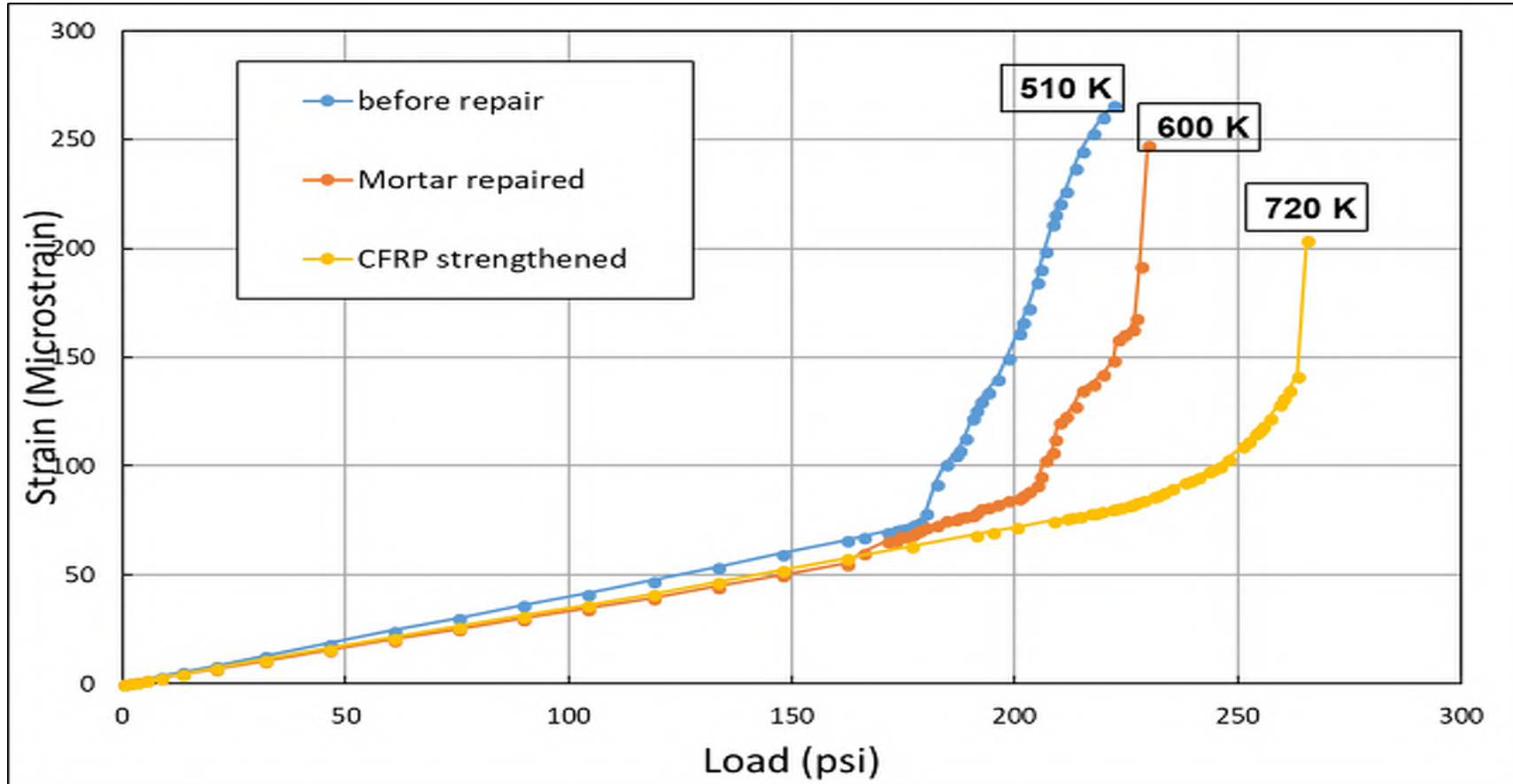
## Bent Cap Capacity before and after Repair.

- The applied moment from the truck was around 20 k-ft. which is much less than the cracking moment and the moment capacity.
- The FRP design calculation was found to increase the moment capacity to 381 k-ft. (18%)

Cracking Moment		
	Theoretical (k-ft)	FE Model (k-ft)
Before repair	161	147
After repair	196	238



## □ Bent Cap Capacity before and after Repair



# Conclusions

- Tensile strain was reduced in two spans by 20 to 28% after CFRP strengthening.
- Application of the CFRP to bent cap rehabilitation was successfully performed with a simple and straightforward process.
- The neutral axis location shifted downwards after the CFRP strengthening.
- No traffic control was needed, except for one hour during load testing.

# Conclusions

- The model strain results show a good agreement between the live load data and the finite element model.
- The bent cap section loss resulting from concrete deterioration had a reverse effect on the live load carrying capacity of the bent cap.
- The flexural load-carrying capacity of the damaged bridge was fully recovered and enhanced by applying CFRP sheets on the tensile side of the bent caps.
- Serviceability, especially crack control, was also improved after the CFRP strengthening.



# Thank you!

# FRP Retrofitting and Non-Destructive Evaluation for Corrosion-Deteriorated Bridges in West Virginia

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## Outline

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- Part I: Bridge conditions in West Virginia and Case Studies of WV FRP-Rehabilitated Bridges.
- Part II: Non-destructive testing of reinforced-concrete slabs.



# Part I: Introduction



## Bridges



9.1% of bridges rated structurally deficient



# Use of FRP Composites in West Virginia

- According to 2017 National Bridge Inventory (NBI) database (FHWA 2017), West Virginia has 7,228 highway bridges and 19% of these bridges (1,372 bridges) were rated as structurally deficient (SD) and 1,394 bridges (19.3%) were rated as functional obsolete (FO).
- West Virginia has been recognized as a pioneer in the use of FRP composites. FRP composites have been used in the construction of approximately 220 bridges nationwide and 35 of those bridges are in WV.
- There are few FRP-retrofitted bridge projects in WV between 1998 and 2014. Major candidate structures/elements suitable for FRP retrofit include beams/girders, slabs, bents, columns/piles/pier caps, and abutments/footings.

## Use of FRP Composites in West Virginia (Cont'd)

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- The FRP wraps externally bonded to the concrete surface to compensate for strength lost due to corrosion, deterioration, or fire/impact damage.
- The use of FRP wraps allows the rehabilitation of the existing concrete, resulting in an economic repair as substructure replacement generally requires replacing the entire bridge. These repairs have saved the WVDOT thousands of dollars compared to conventional repairs.





# Bridge Conditions in West Virginia

Owner	Bridge Counts				Bridge Area (Square Meters)			
	All	Good	Fair	Poor	All	Good	Fair	Poor
State	6,993	1,814	3,700	1,479	3,569,116	694,518	2,292,099	582,499
County	1	1	0	0	320	320	0	0
Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
City	101	17	53	31	48,340	4,884	29,117	14,339
State Park	23	8	13	2	2,777	726	1,831	219
Local Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other State Agency	2	1	1	0	662	354	308	0
Other Local Agency	9	1	4	4	2,092	126	1,453	514
Private	4	1	3	0	4,223	103	4,120	0
Railroad	5	0	1	4	9,401	0	115	9,285
State Toll	99	4	93	2	171,012	505	165,291	5,216
Local Toll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federally Owned	54	14	31	9	11,487	1,707	8,514	1,266

# East Street Viaduct in Parkersburg, West Virginia

- The RC bridge was built in 1907 with two traffic lanes under and 6,748 average daily traffic (as of 2015).
- Single span with a span length of 23.3 ft. and a length of 64.7 ft
- The substructure is composed of unreinforced concrete full-height abutments, RC wing walls, and bents.
- The superstructure consists of 3 ft. RC top slab, which carries 2.5 ft. of railroad slag fill and ten sets of railroad tracks.
- The bridge was rehabilitated in 2001 with GFRP wrapping of the abutments, wing walls, concrete bases of the bents, and top slab. In July 2012, WV State Forces, touched up the FRP on the headwall above the southbound lane with fiberglass repair kit, applied paint to GFRP areas showing wear, and repaired the weep drains.

## East Street Viaduct (Cont'd)



Elevation and end views



GFRP Wrapping on a headwall and a wing wall



# Flag Run Bridge in West Virginia

- The RC bridge was built in 1940 with two lanes of traffic and 650 average daily traffic (as of 2014).
- It has a single span with a total length of 43.2 ft. (40 ft span).
- The superstructure consists of four RC T-beams (33 in. high and 16.5 in. wide) topped with cast-in-place RC slab and supported by two full-height concrete abutments.
- Entire bottom face and side faces at both ends of T-beams were wrapped with CFRP composites in 2002. Abutments were also wrapped with CFRP and the backwalls were patched.

# Flag Run Bridge (Cont'd)



Elevation and end views

CFRP wraps in abutments and underside of a T-beam

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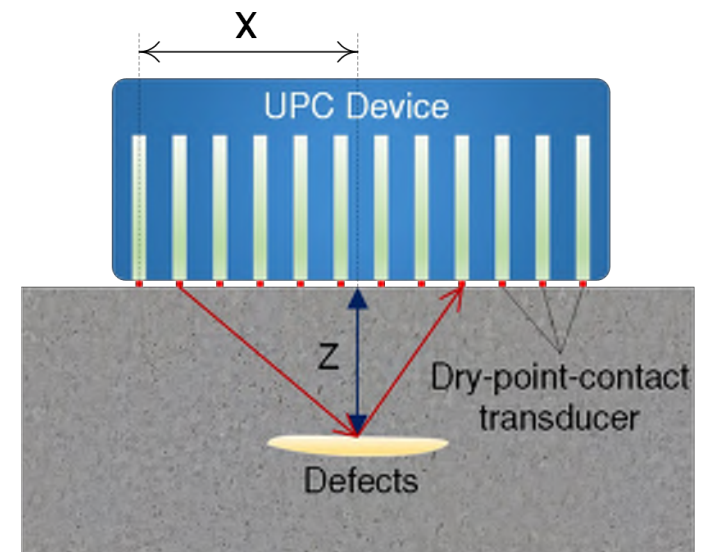
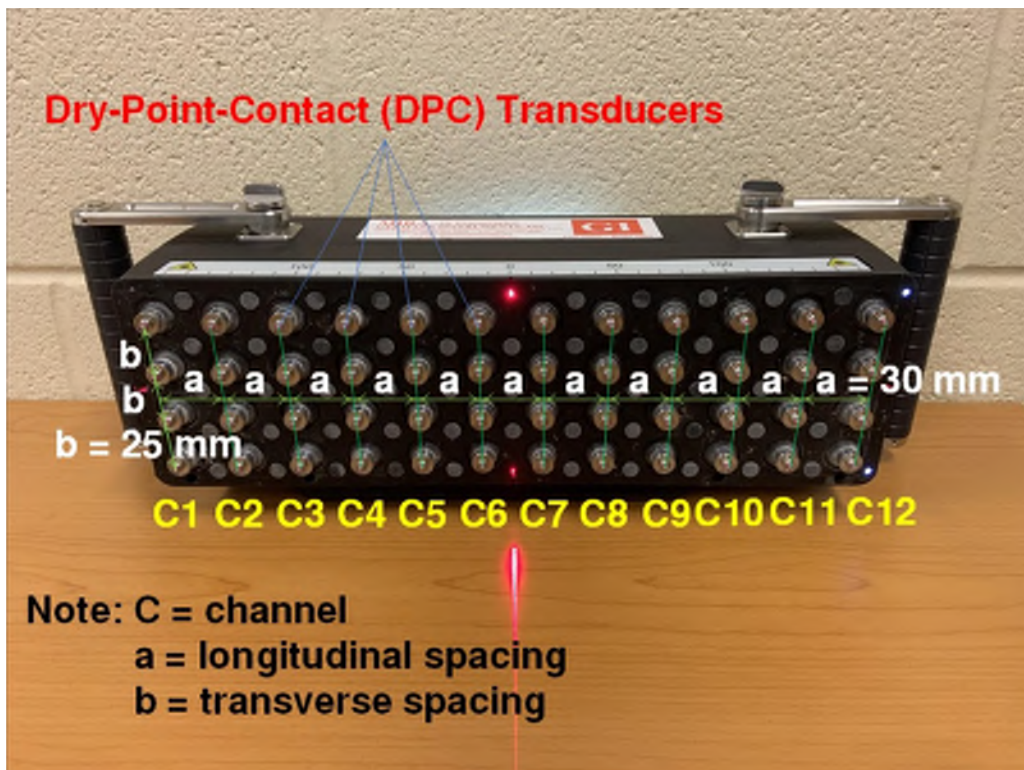


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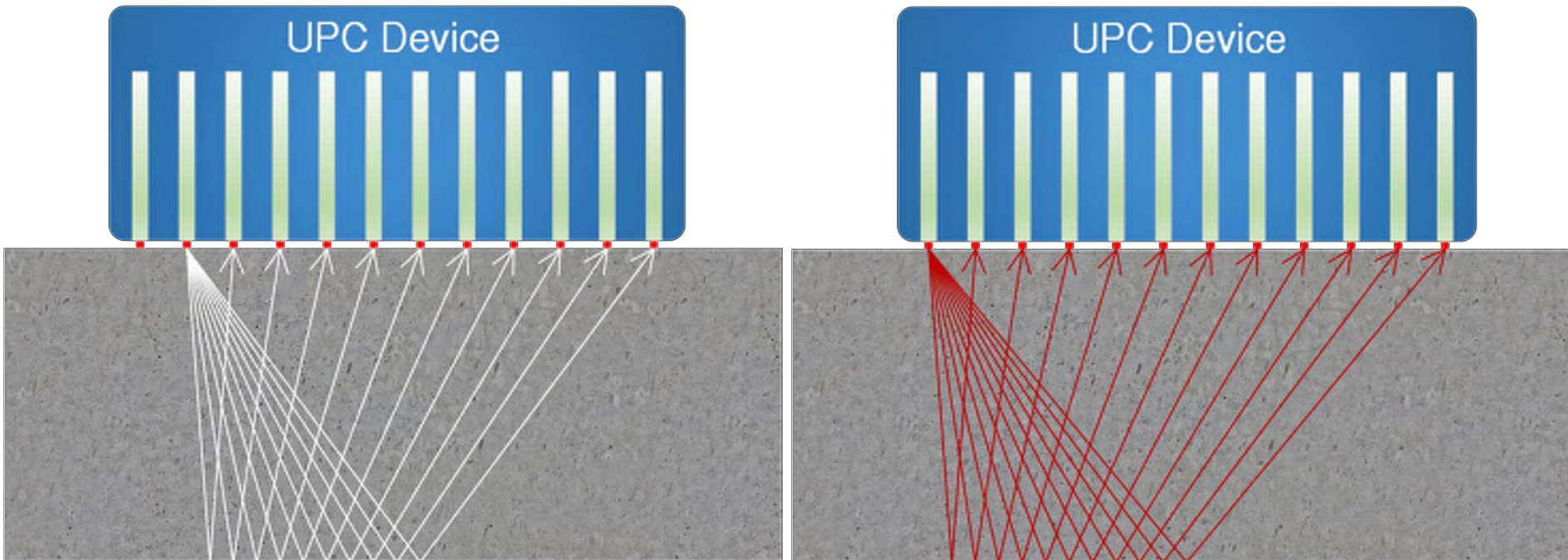
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- Design drawings of many aging bridges may not be available which makes prediction of the remaining structural capacities of the bridge components more challenging, or even impossible.
- Fortunately, advanced non-destructive testing (NDT) techniques can provide great solutions to address the deteriorated bridges.
- In this part, the ultrasonic pitch & catch (UPC) technique for imaging concrete structures are discussed.

# Basic Principles of UPC Technique



# Basic Principles of UPC Technique (Cont'd)



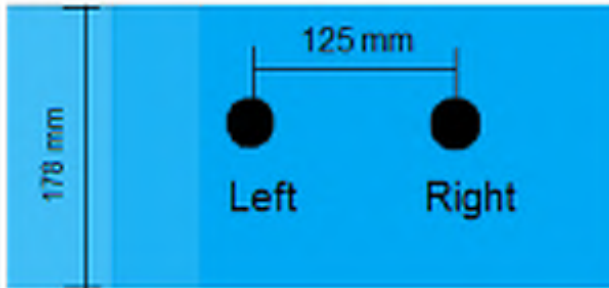
$$d \approx C \frac{\Delta t}{2}$$

C = Wave Speed

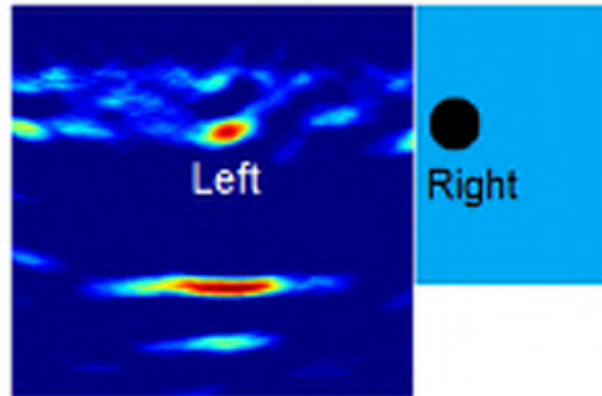
$$N = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n - 1) = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2} = 66$$



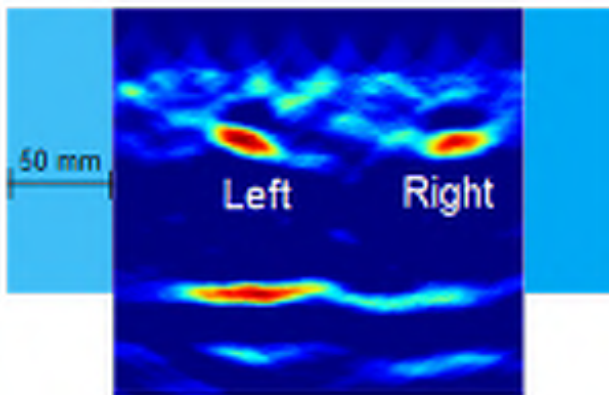
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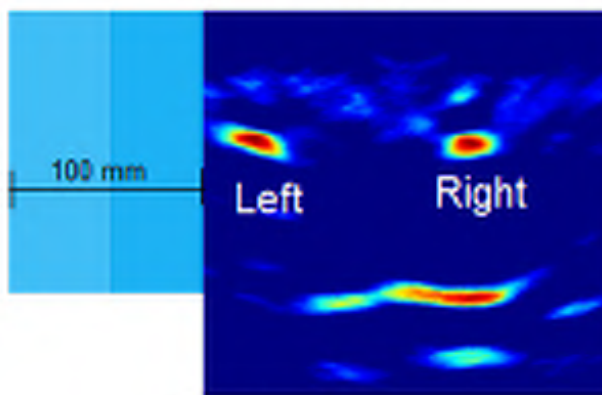
a) RC slab and embedded rebars



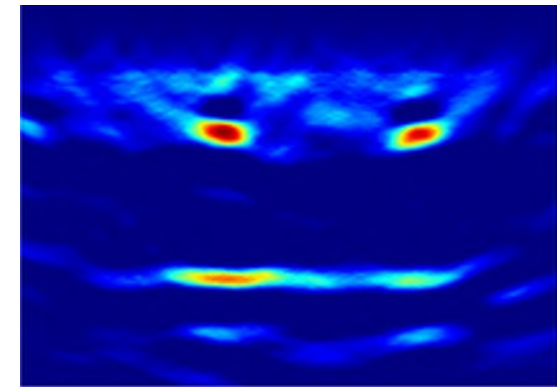
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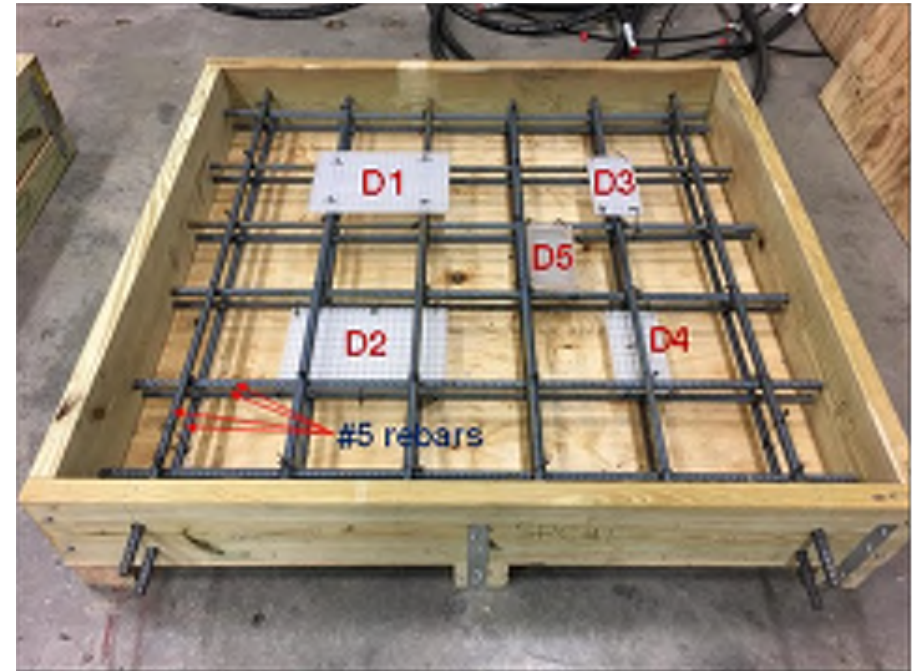
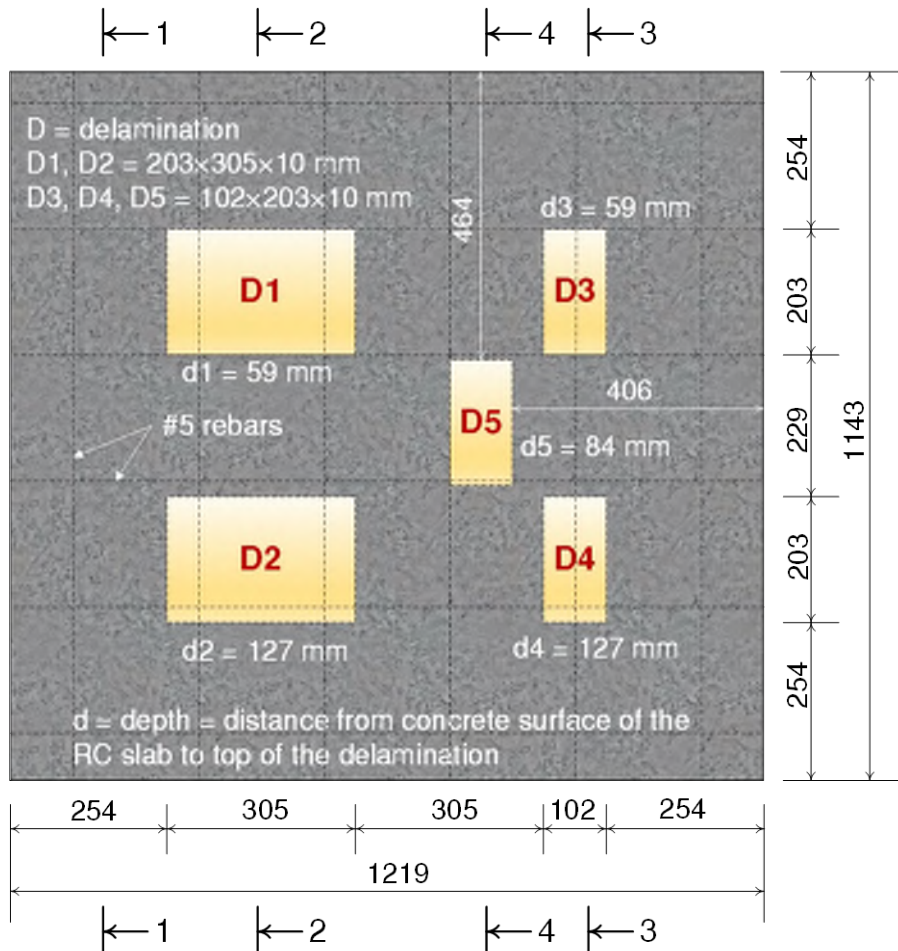
c) The second scan



d) The third scan



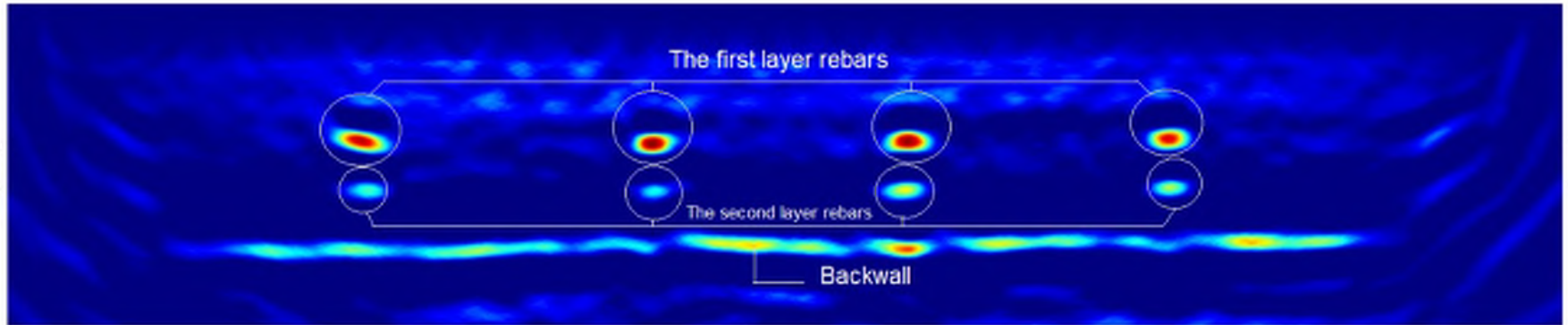
# Specimen Preparation and Test Parameters



**Pre-planned delaminations with various sizes and depths**

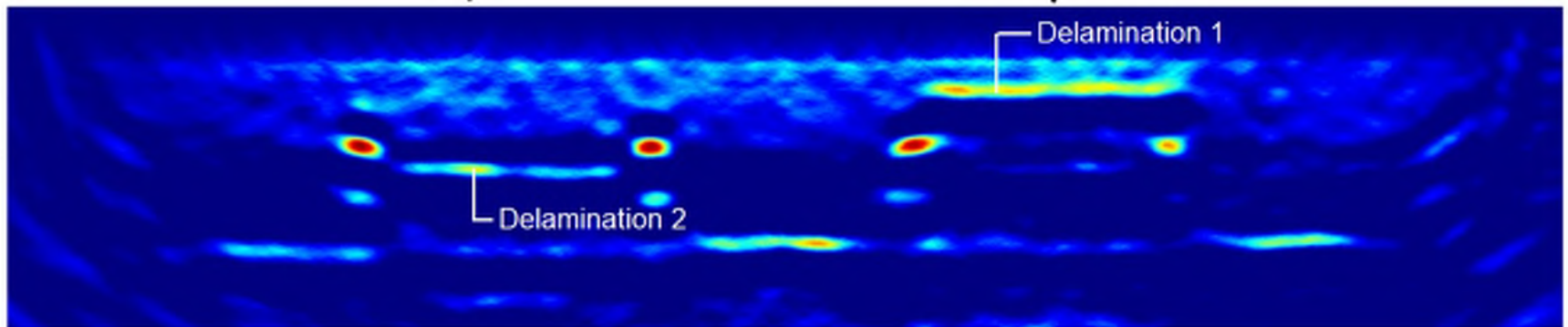
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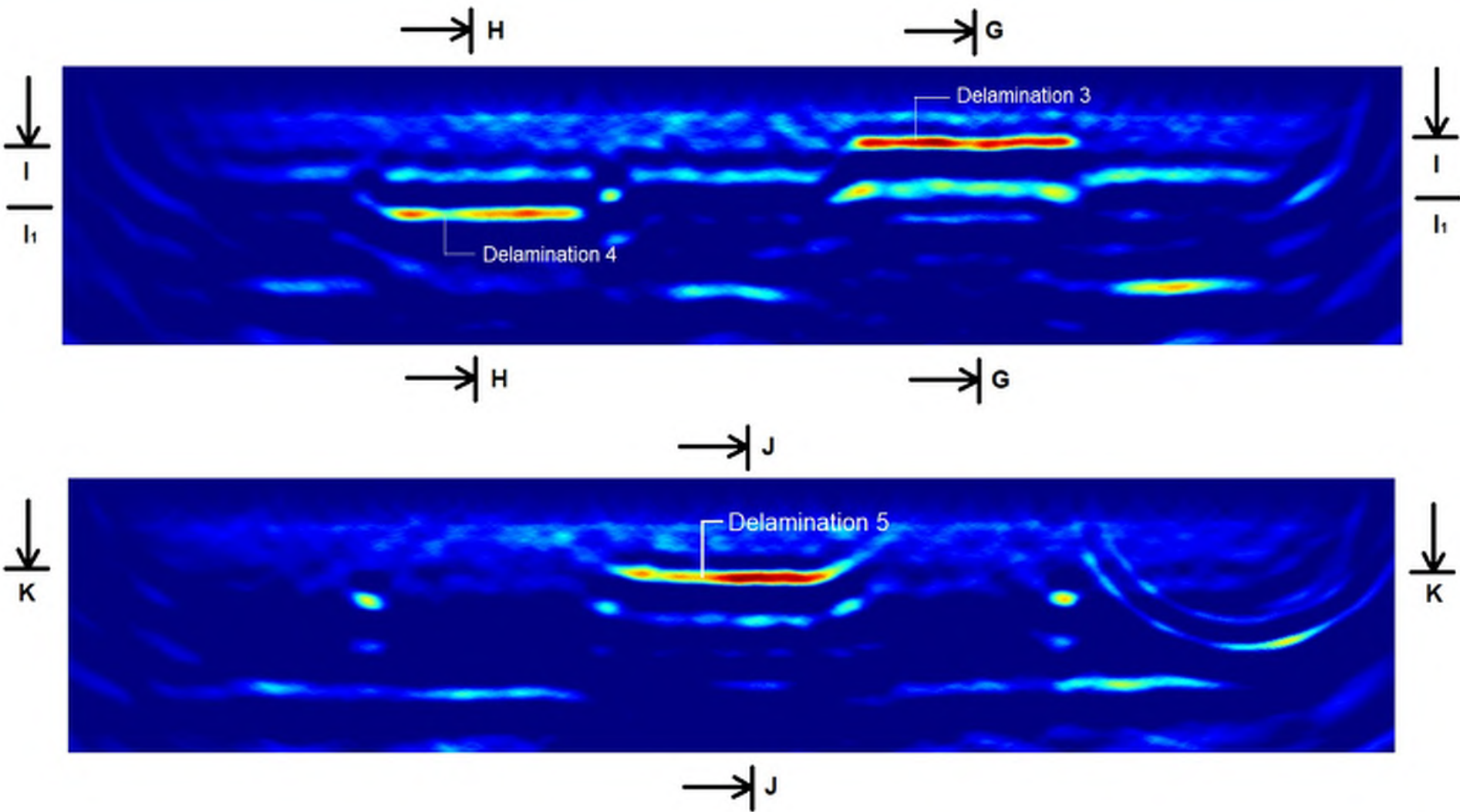
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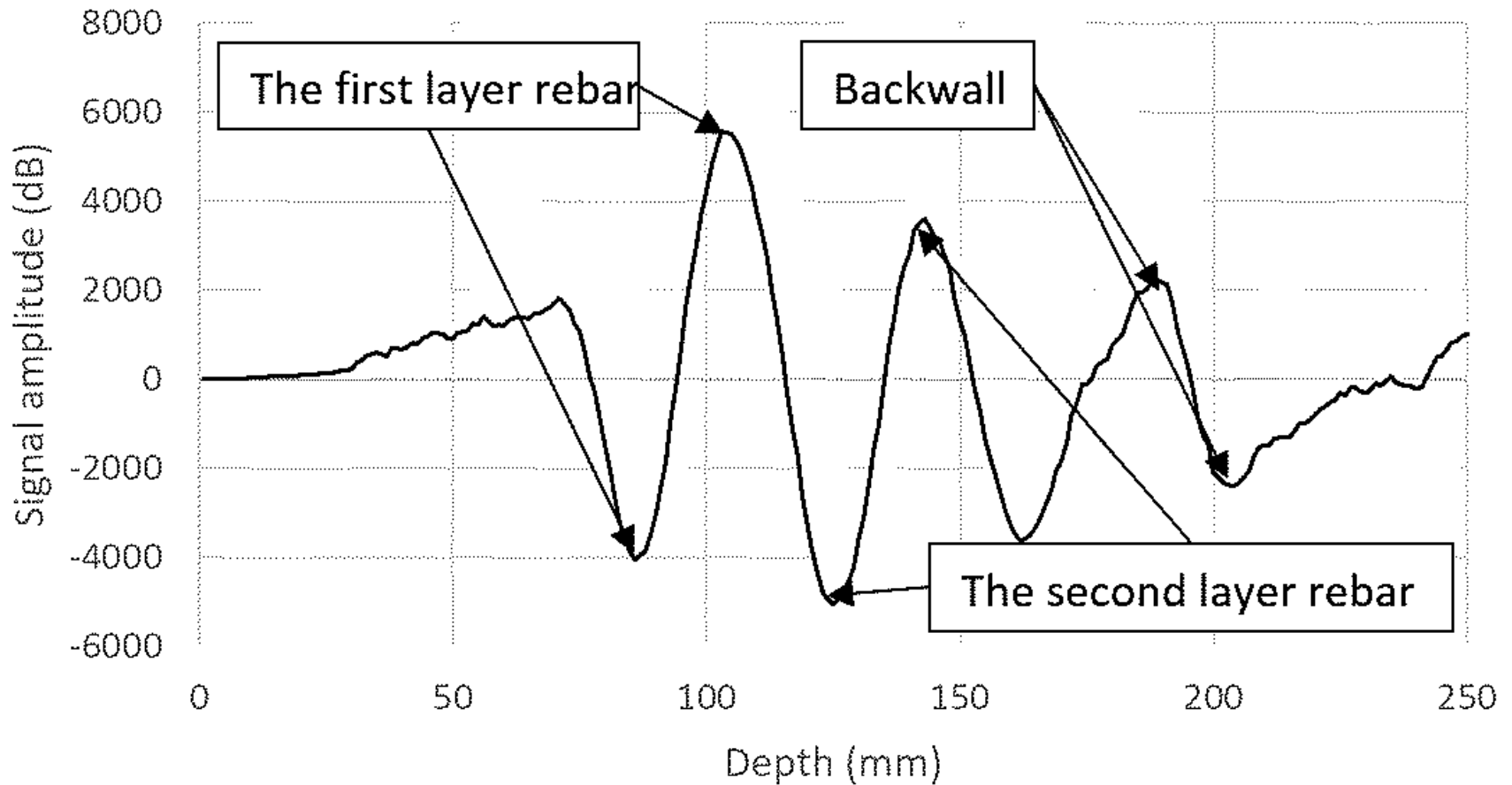
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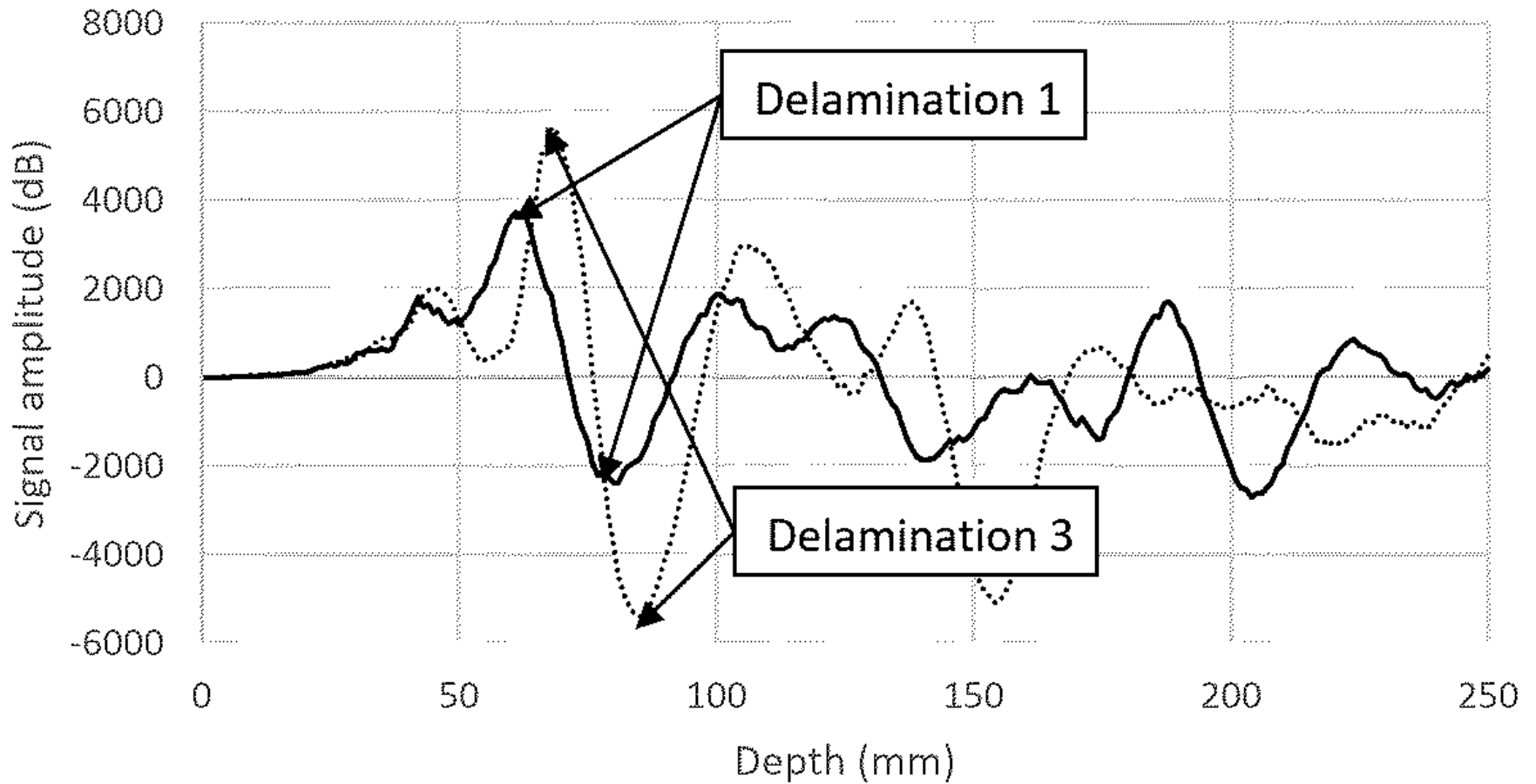
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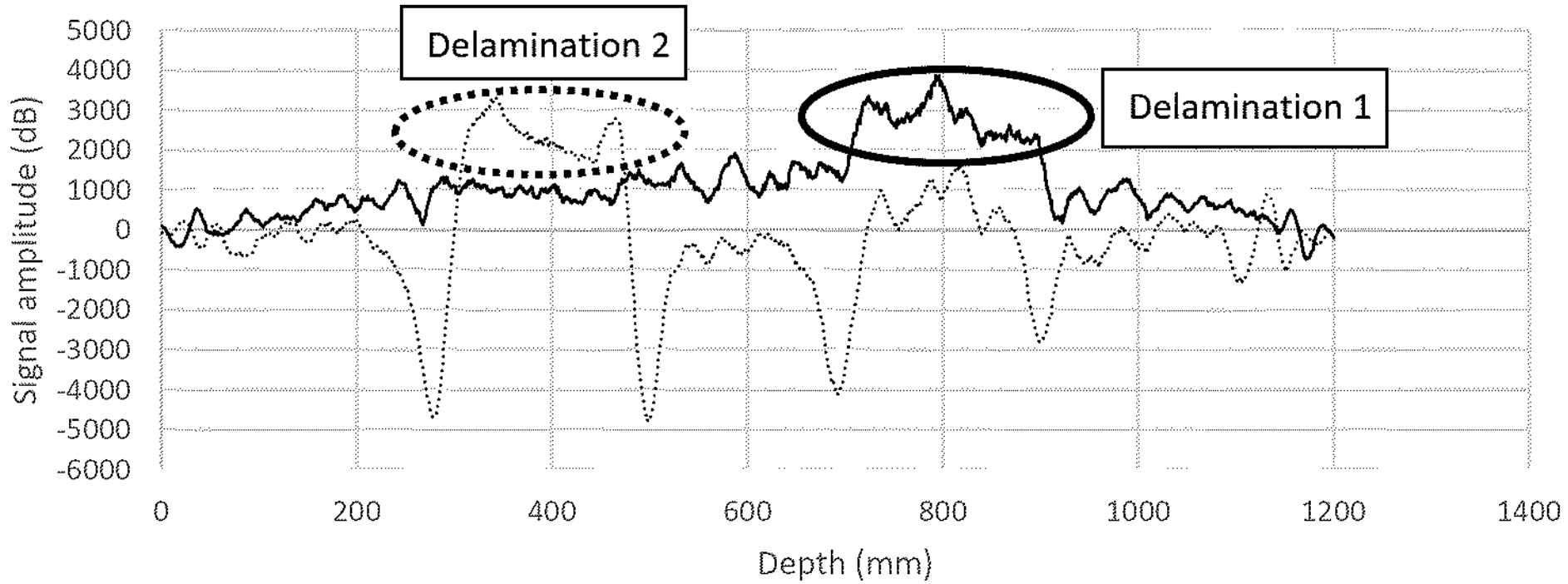


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# Test Results (Cont'd)



## Results (Cont'd)

Delamination	Predicted breadth in. [mm]	Measured breadth in. [mm]	Predicted depth in. [mm]	Measured depth in. [mm]
D1	7.71 [196]	8.00 [203]	2.44 [62]	2.32 [59]
D2	7.05 [179]	8.00 [203]	5.08 [129]	5.00 [127]
D3	7.87 [200]	8.00 [203]	2.36 [60]	2.32 [59]
D4	7.32 [186]	8.00 [203]	5.23 [133]	5.00 [127]
D5	7.48 [190]	8.00 [203]	3.31 [84]	3.62 [92]

## Conclusions

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- 2D reconstructed images of the rebars and delaminations can be interpreted based on specific patterns of color spectrum.
- The ultrasonic pitch and catch (UPC) is proved to be an excellent NDT technique for an accurate evaluation of concrete structures.
- Applications of other NDT techniques such as GPR and IRT for examining internal defects (e.g., voids, debondings, delaminations) of FRP-wrapped structures will be investigated in future works.



Thank you for your  
attention!



# Bridge Conditions in West Virginia

Main Structure Type	Code	SD (a)	FO (b)	Bridge Total (c)	a/c (%)	b/c (%)
Slab	01	168	144	517	32.5	27.9
Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder	02	592	516	3085	19.2	16.7
Girder and Floorbeam System	03	107	41	229	46.7	17.9
Tee Beam	04	49	25	104	47.1	24.0
Box Beam or Girders - Multiple	05	92	401	1905	4.8	21.0
Box Beam or Girders - Single or Spread	06	2	8	55	3.6	14.5
Frame (except frame culverts)	07	5	14	52	9.6	26.9
Orthotropic	08	0	2	2	0	100
Truss – Deck	09	0	4	11	0	36.4
Truss – Thru	10	78	35	180	43.3	19.4
Arch – Deck	11	159	134	399	39.8	33.6
Arch – Thru	12	1	2	8	12.5	25.0
Suspension	13	2	1	3	66.7	33.3
Stayed Girder	14	0	0	3	0	0
Movable – Lift	15	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Movable – Bascule	16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Movable – Swing	17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tunnel	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Culvert (includes frame culverts)	19	46	36	539	8.5	6.7
Mixed types	20	1	0	1	100	0
Segmental Box Girder	21	1	1	3	33.3	33.3
Channel Beam	22	63	25	115	54.8	21.7
Other	00	6	5	17	35.3	29.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>7,228</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.3</b>

# Major Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) Techniques

## Overview of NDT Methods

### Acoustic (Stress Waves)

- Pulse-Echo
- Impact-Echo
- Ultrasonic
- Acoustic Impact Testing (a.k.a. Coin Tap Test)
- Acoustic Emission (AE)
- Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW)
- Parallel Seismic (PS)
- Impulse Response (IR)

### Electromagnetic

- Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
- Impulse Radar
- Infrared Thermography (IR)
- Conductivity Measurements
- Covermeters (Reinforcing Rebar Locator)
- Radiography (X-Rays, Gamma-Rays, Neutron Radiation, Beta Rays)
- Eddy-Current Testing

### Electrical/Magnetic

- Electrical Resistivity (ER) Measurements
- Half-Cell Potential (HCP) Measurements
- Electrical Impedance Tomography (EIT)
- Magnetic Induction
- Magnetic-Flux Leakage

### Others

- Visual Testing
- Optical Methods (Shearography, Holography)
- Strain Measurement Techniques (Optical Fibers)
- Penetrant Methods
- Chain Dragging
- Hammer Sounding
- Vibration and Dynamic Testing
- Rapid Load Test
- Coring
- Modal Analysis





# Bridge Substructure Repairs with Basalt and Glass FRP Internal Reinforcement

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# Introduction





# Florida's Vast Infrastructure

Second longest coastline in the United States (behind Alaska)

**122,000** centerline miles of roadway

**14,000** bridges (state and non-state)

**176M sq.ft.** bridge area



# Purpose and Need



# The Consequences

- Earlier studies, and others, reveal:
  - GFRP exposed to marine environments resulted in degradation of mechanical properties
  - FRP bars embedded in moist concrete had adverse effects on long-term durability
- Therefore use of GFRP was restricted within submerged and splash zones.







# FDOT Studies

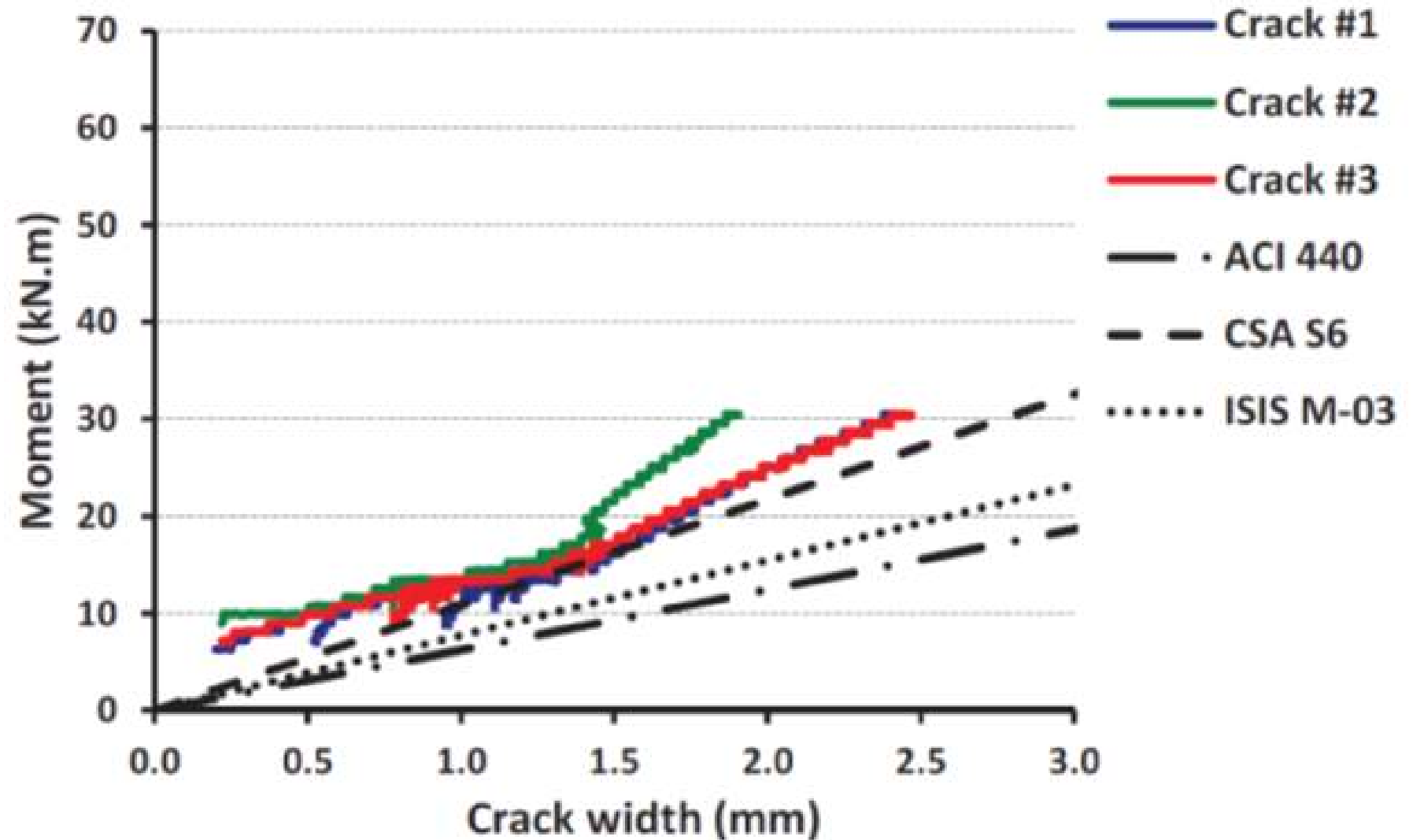
- Degradation Assessment of Internal Continuous Fiber Reinforcement in Concrete Environment - BDK82-977-05, 2014
- Performance Evaluation of Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP) Reinforcing Bars Embedded in Concrete - BVD30-986-01, 2018-2019
- Performance Evaluation, Material and Specification Development for Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP) Reinforcing Bars Embedded in Concrete – BE694, 2019-2021





## Studies confirm these methods meet requirements

However implementation required to measure long-term performance in different environments and exposure conditions





# Two Projects in Focus



## US 17 over Trout River

Bridge No. 720011  
Duval County  
FDOT District 2

### ***Scope includes:***

- Removal of existing jackets from jacketed piles and the design of an impressed current cathodic protection (ICCP) system for previously jacketed piles
- Field identified prestressed concrete piles
- Detail ICCP system for concrete footers at Pier 9 and Pier 10 utilizing GFRP



## EB SR 312 over Matanzas River

Bridge No. 780089  
St. Johns County  
FDOT District 2

### ***Scope includes:***

- Design of impressed current cathodic protection system utilizing GFRP and BFRP for the columns
- Struts and footers for piers 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31
- Repair delaminations for columns 28-1, 28-2, and 29-2
- Repair undermined seal for piers 24 and 25





## FDOT's Conventional Approach on Preservation

- Cathodic protection
- Concrete rehabilitation using conventional carbon-steel

These pilots utilize alternative innovative reinforcement

- Including GFRP and BFRP



## US 17 Over Trout River Details:

**27 Spans**

Length totaling 1,458 feet

**AASHTO Type III**

Prestressed beams

**20-in. Square**

Prestressed pile bents and pile footings

**69.75 ft.**

Overall bridge width and carries two lanes in each direction



# Existing Condition

Existing pier footings and piles severely deteriorated due to spalls and delamination

Reinforcements were exposed with a section loss of 25% or more

Majority of damage occurred within splash zone





# Procedure



## **Substructure component needed to be cleaned**

Removal of loose concrete  
Verifying reinforcement is robust and continuous

## **Sensitivity analysis was performed**

Sensitivity analysis of piles  
Evaluated degree of risk associated with removal of concrete and reinforcement from active piles and footers

## **Results are reported to contractor**

Contractor knows the amount of concrete that can safely be removed





# Construction Method

For Pier 10, conventional forming of the jacket and placing concrete was used







# Construction Method

Concrete was applied using shotcreting techniques for Pier 9.

Concrete quality issues

- Provided opportunity to explore removal of concrete from FRP bars





# Innovations

- Utilization of GFRP bars in a variety of setting, including conjunction with shotcrete and conventional cast-in-place method
- Utilization of GFRP bars within the splash zone/marine environment will support the outcome of the studies for lifting restrictions



# **US 17 over Trout River**







**SR 312**  
**over**  
**Matanzas**  
**River**



**SR 312 Over  
Matanzas River  
Details:**

**37 Spans**

Length totaling 3,575 feet

**AASHTO  
Type IV**

Prestressed beams for  
approach spans and steel  
plate girders for 3-span  
channel unit

**20-in.  
Square**

Substructure comprised of  
2-column piers supported  
by waterline footings

**47.25 ft.**

Overall bridge width and  
carries two lanes in each  
direction



# Work Activities on SR 312

- Removal of existing multi-column pier jackets and installation of new jackets on multi-column pier
- Pier footing jackets with ICCP installed
- Ribbon anodes installed between piles on pier footing
- GFRP dowels and BFRP mesh were used in select locations
- Pier 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and 31 were rehabilitated as follows:
  - Columns: No. 4 L-shape GFRP dowel bars were embedded into the columns to attach the 6-in. x 6-in. x 5/32-in. (150mm x 150mm x 4mm) BFRP mesh for crack control to protect the titanium anode mesh.
  - Footing Struts: No. 4 L-shape GFRP dowel bars were embedded into the strut to attach the No. 4 GFRP bars in longitudinal and No. 3 GFRP bars in transverse direction to protect the titanium anode mesh. Dowel spacing was 6-in. and GFRP bars were spaced at 1-ft. in both directions alongside of the strut.
  - Footing: This is among the first FDOT projects to implement ribbon anodes.





# Existing Condition

Existing pier footings and piles severely deteriorated due to spalls and delamination

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Majority of damage occurred within splash zone



# Construction Method

Unexpected conditions







# Construction Method

Previous spall/crack repairs did not work, one of the reasons was missing of ties at the bottom of the columns







# Construction Method

Forming and pouring of columns damaged section after installation of ties







# Construction Method

Shotcrete was used in the column and strut to form the jacket







# Innovations

- Use of GFRP (ECR-VE) bar in conjunction with shotcrete
- Use of BFRP (Basalt-Epoxy) mesh in conjunction with GFRP (ECR-VE) bar
- Use of ribbon anodes in footings for cathodic protection of remaining carbon-steel reinforcing
- GFRP (ECR-VE) bar use in the marine environment
- Utilization of GFRP bars within the splash zone/marine environment will support the outcome of the studies for lifting restrictions







# Construction Method

Finished Jackets





# Testing





Shotcrete Adhesion Test Panels  
South Side of Pier 9 Strut

Abrasive  
Blast  
Surface  
Prep

Abrasive  
Blast  
Prep +  
Titanium  
Mesh

5000psi  
Pressure  
Wash  
Surface  
Prep

All saturated surface dry prior to  
shotcrete application





The surface of GFRP bars were provided with sand coating that promotes bond adhesion of the bar to shotcrete



Surface preparation was found to be adequate for bonding as defined by ACI 548.11R-12. for SR 312 over Matanzas River Testing







# Lessons Learned





# Challenges overcome for both projects:

- Longer lead times than typically expected for steel rebar was required for the procurement of GFRP due to the production shop availability for bending/fabrication GFRP bars as well as both GFRP and BFRP producers were not available locally.
- For pilot projects take into account the availability of experienced workers on similar technology as the technology was implemented for the first time in the state.
- GFRP/BFRP material storage guidelines and specifications including the temperature were not available in the FDOT specifications.
- Limitations on the field modifications associated with the reinforcing due to the shop bending/fabrication of the bars.
- Location of the site in relation to the concrete plant provided tight time intervals to place the concrete, possibly contributing to the poor placement of the shotcrete.
- Very little to no damage was observed after removal of concrete from BFRP mesh and GFRP bars and this reinforcing was then successfully reused.
- Shotcreting techniques require very strict quality control in mix design, temperatures as well as nozzle man skill and qualification for its success.



# Conclusion



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US 17 over Trout River Bridge and EB SR 312 over Matanzas River Bridge incorporated numerous innovations as pilot projects. In the end, both projects were successfully constructed and are being monitored long-term by the FDOT State Materials Office. The technologies and innovations implemented in both projects are associated with the usage of FRP is performing well and as a result partially contributed to FDOT lifting the restrictions on the usage of GFRP bars in the marine environment and implemented this innovative technology in several recent projects.





# Questions

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**STAY 6 FEET AWAY**



# Shear Strengthening of Beams on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge Trestle Spans with CFRP



October 28, 2020

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# Sunshine Skyway Bridge History



- Original Sunshine Skyway Bridge 1959
- Twin Structure 1971



Summit Venture Disaster May 9, 1980



# Atiq Alvi, PE

## Vice President/Technical Director - Bridge Rehabilitation

- Engineer of Record for 3<sup>rd</sup> CFRP Strengthening Project 2019
- Project Manager for Pilot CFRP Project 2007
- Project Manager for Skyway Trestle Span Beam Study 2006
- Technical Director for Bridge Rehabilitation
- Former FDOT District Seven Structures Maintenance Engineer
- PM/Engineer of Record for 50+ rehab projects, including movable and complex bridges
- Transportation Research Board Bridge Structural FRP Committee since 2003



# Outline

- Sunshine Skyway Bridge, 1987
- AASHTO Beam Cracking, 1990s
- Investigation/Studies, 2006-2009
- Repair Projects, 2007, 2013, 2020
- Summary

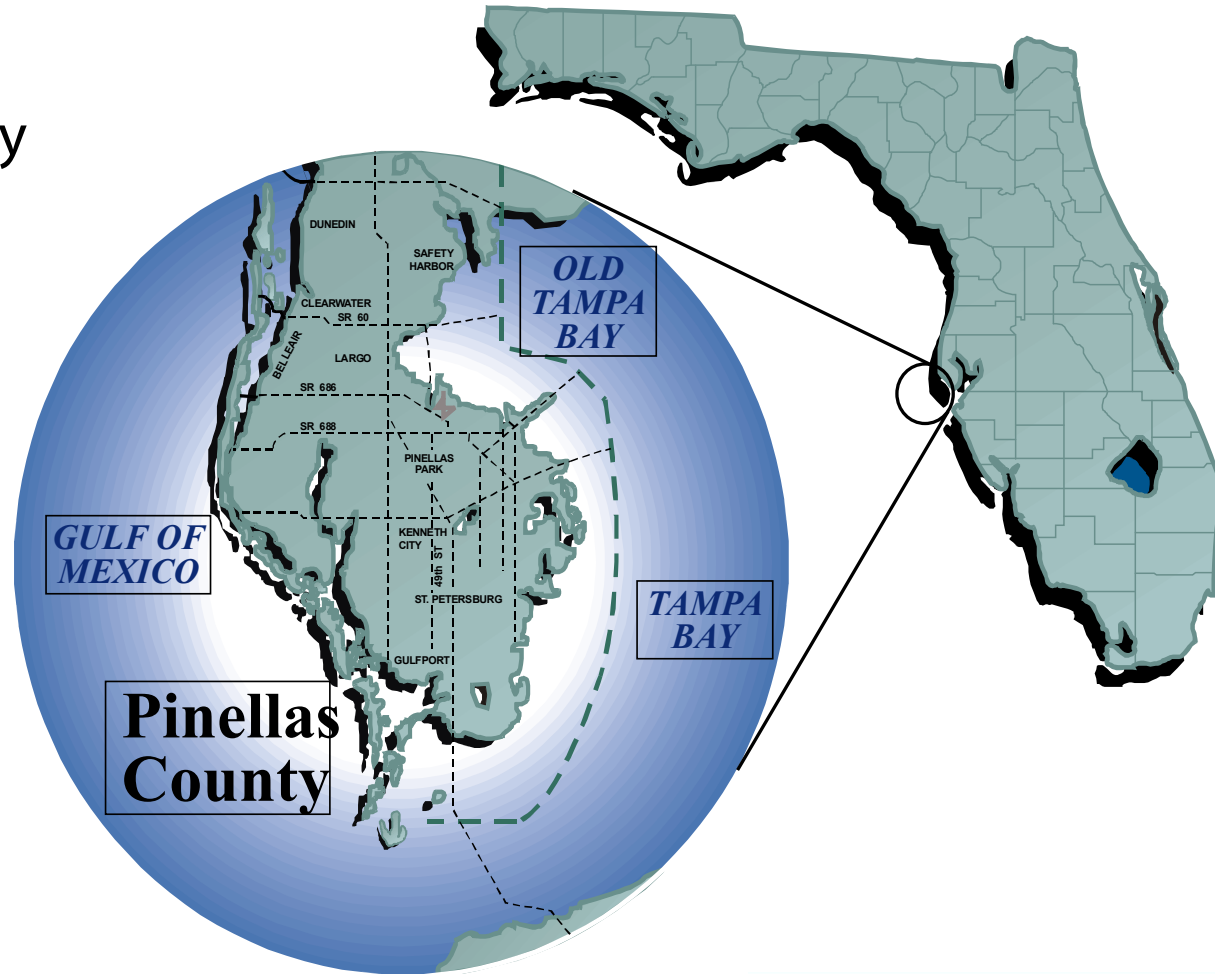
# Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge 1987



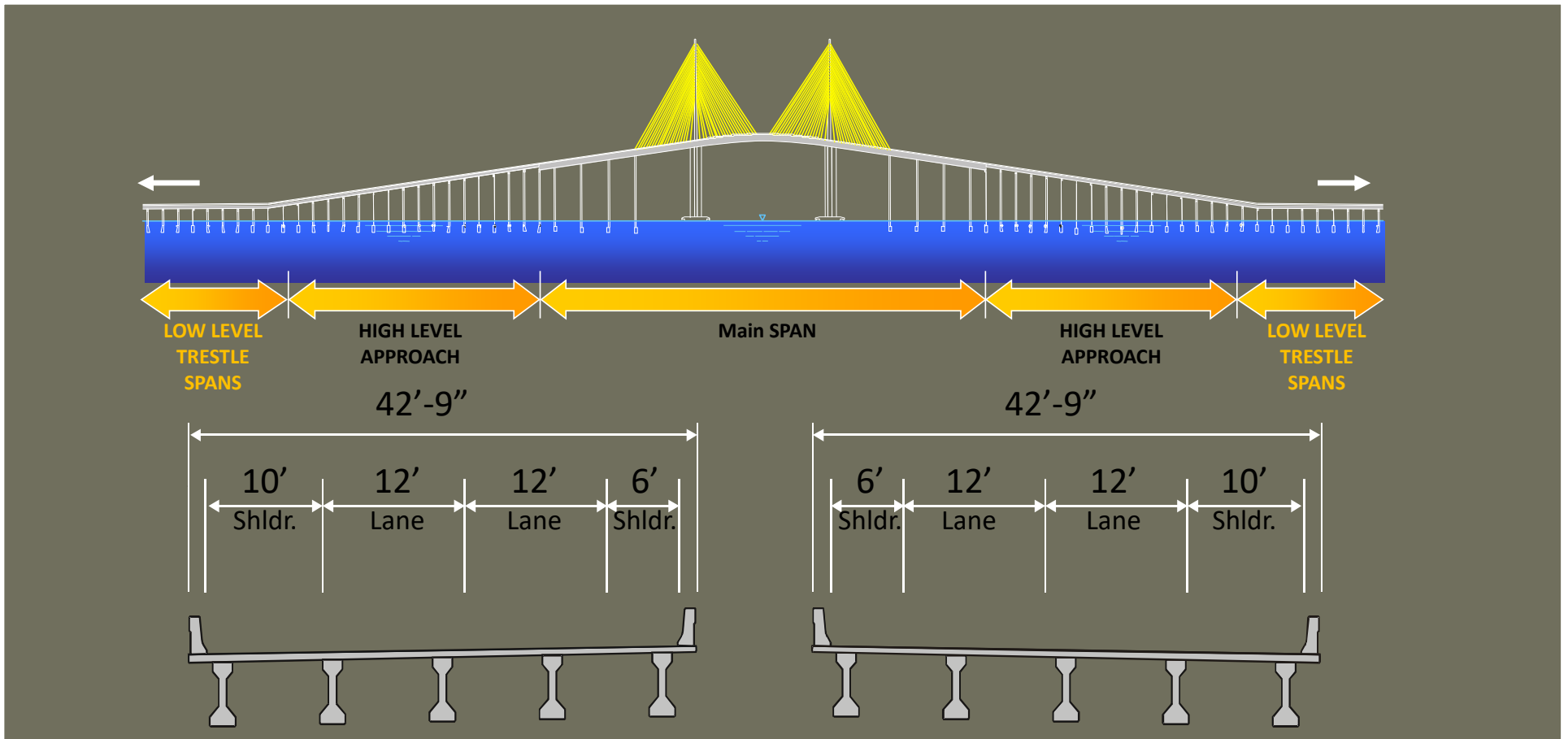


# Location

- Carries I-275 over Tampa Bay
- 4.14 Miles in Length
- Crosses Three Counties
  - Pinellas
  - Manatee
  - Hillsborough



# Bridge Geometry



Trestle Spans Length: 13,000 feet

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# Typical Diagonal Cracking

- Detected in mid-1990s
- Begins in Web
- Propagates at 20° to 45°





# Typical Diagonal Cracking

- Shear Cracking in Web Extending to Bottom Flange



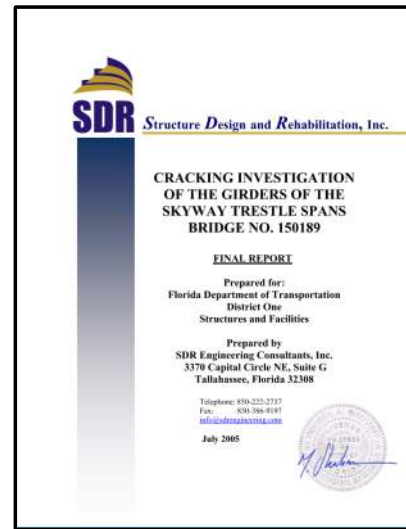
# Typical Diagonal Cracking

- Web Shear Cracking

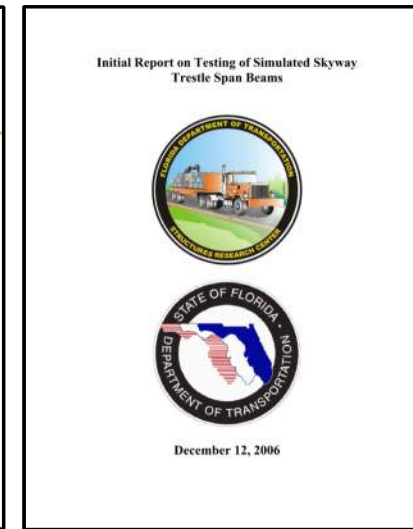


# Investigations and Studies

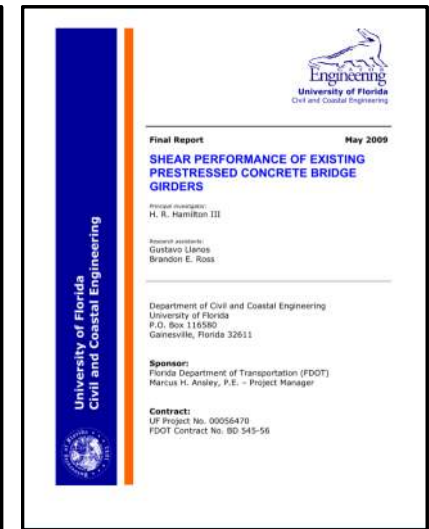
- Several Special Inspections
- In-Depth Investigation and Study
- Replicated Beams and Testing



FDOT District 1&7  
Structures Maintenance  
Office 2006



FDOT Structures  
Research Center 2006



University of Florida  
2009



# Investigations and Studies

- Reviewed Inspection Reports
- Reviewed Original Design and Construction Plans
- Hands-On Inspection
- Traditional AASHTO Shear Analysis
- Strut and Tie Model
- Non-Linear FEM Analysis
- Performed Load Testing
- Replicated Girders and Load Tested

AASHTO TYPE IV Girder Properties	Value
Compressive Strength of the Girder Concrete	5500 psi
Compressive Strength of the Deck Slab Concrete	4000 psi
Jacking Force	39,600 lb
Initial Prestressing Steel Stress	185.15 ksi
Effective Prestressing Steel Stress after 24% loss	141 ksi
Ultimate Strength of Strands	270 ksi
Maximum Span Length	100.5 ft.
Weight of Barrier	419.0 lb/ft
Unit Weight of Concrete	155 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>

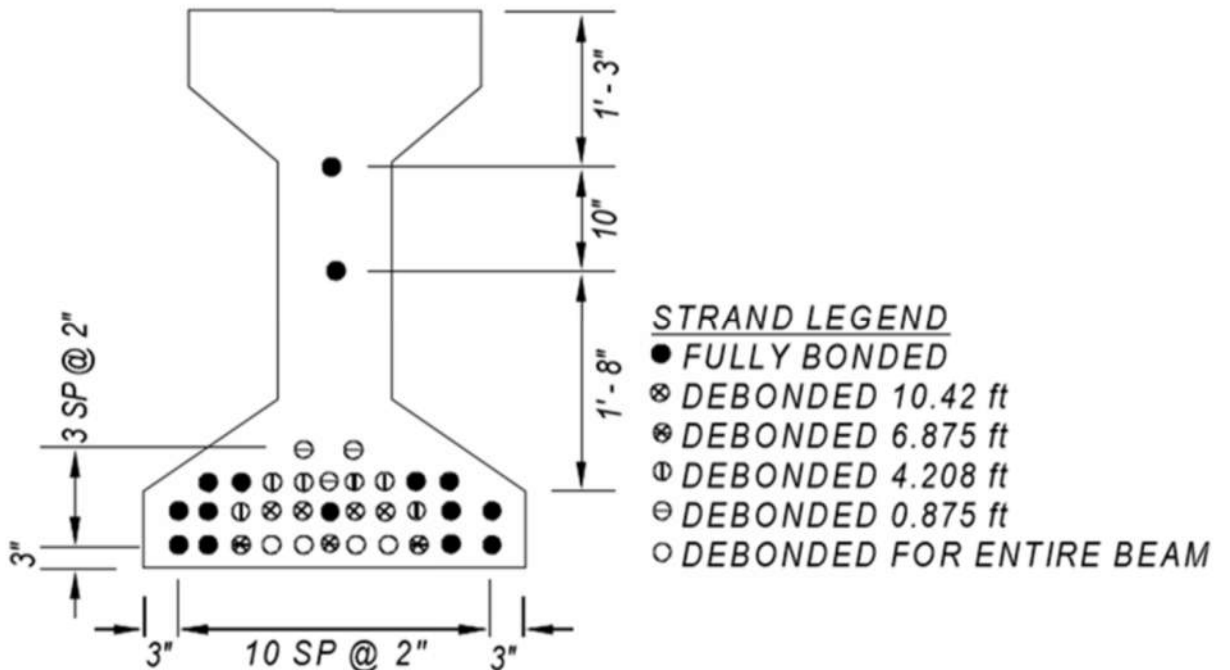
# Cracking Summary

Bridge	Girders			Girders w/Cracking				
	Total Girders	Exterior Girders	Interior Girders	Exterior Girders	Exterior %Cracked	Interior Girders	Interior %Cracked	Total %Cracked
<b>Northbound</b>	650	260	390	254	97.7%	4	1.0%	39.7%
<b>Southbound</b>	650	260	390	242	93.1%	5	1.3%	38.0%

\* Majority of Diagonal Cracks in Exterior Faces of External Girders

# Review of Design and Construction Records

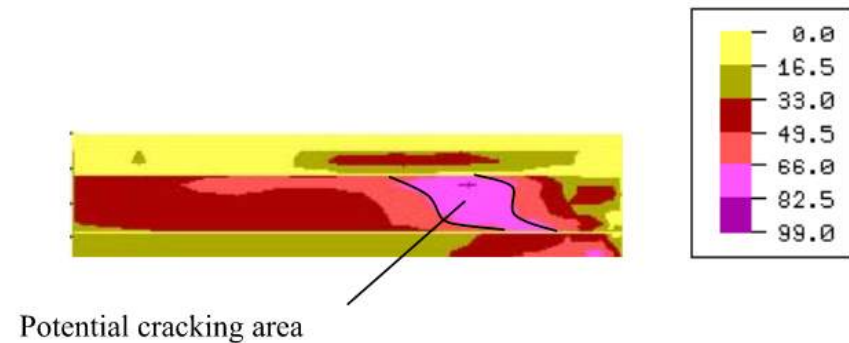
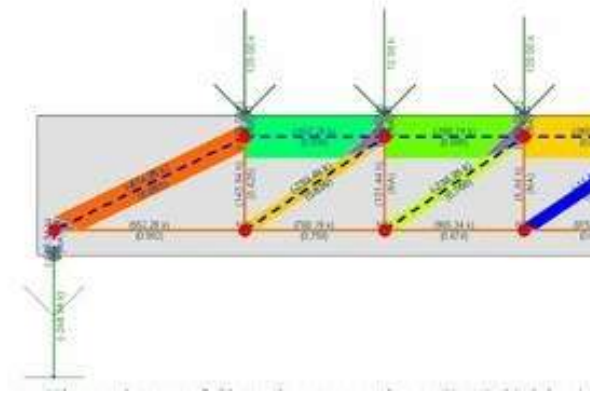
- Excessive Debonding due to Change Made in Construction
- 33 Strands in Bottom Flange
- 20 (61%) Debonded
- 13 (39%) Fully Bonded
- Current FDOT Codes Allow 25% Debonding, not to exceed 30%





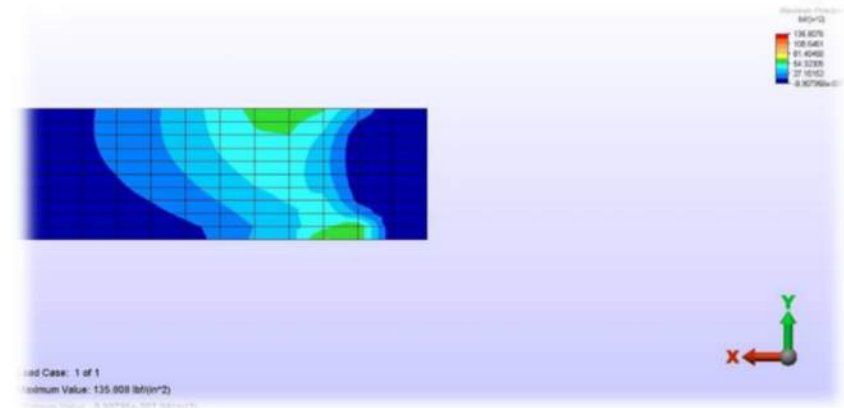
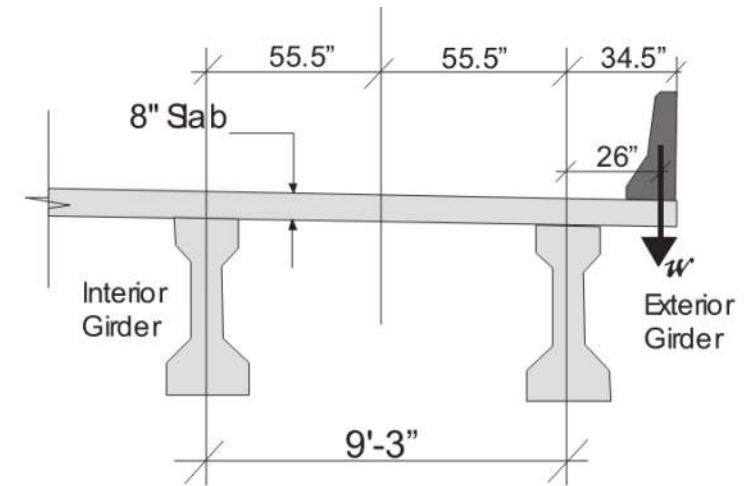
# Effect of Excessive Strand Debonding

1. Traditional Shear Analysis with Standard AASHTO Specifications
2. Strut and Tie Model
3. Non-Linear Finite Element Model



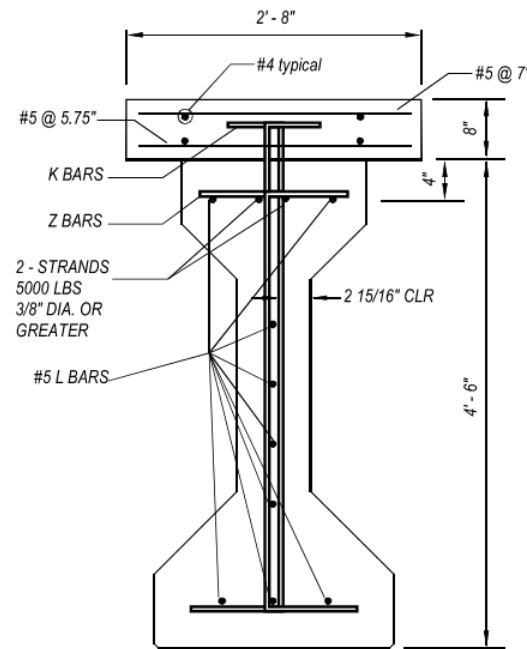
## External Girders 93,98% and Internal Girders 1%

- Narrow outside overhangs
- Wide beam spacing
- Torqueing effect when the wet concrete load applied to beam
  - Torque remained in beams after concrete set
- Effect of Thermal Radiation
  - The 20° temperature differential created maximum principal stresses of 50 psi

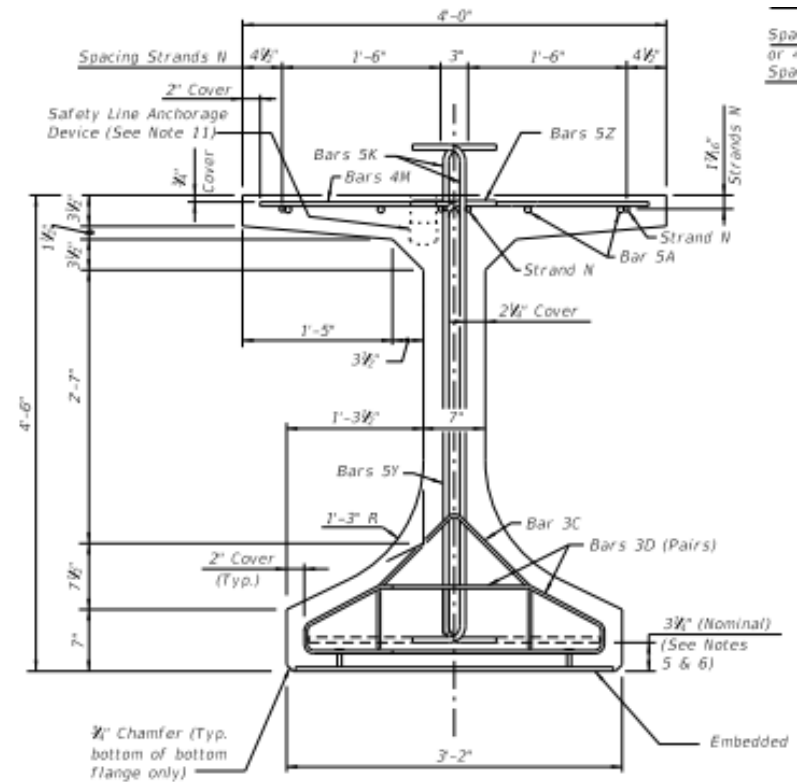


# Direct Reason for Failures

- Excessive Debonding
- No Confining Steel



AASHTO TYPE IV (54")  
Used on Skyway

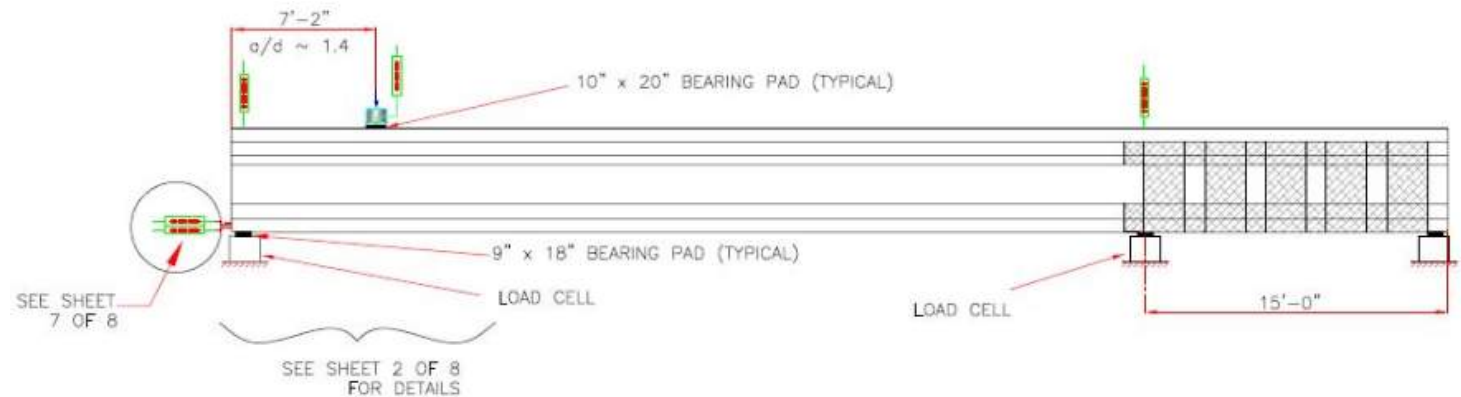


Florida I-Beam (54")  
Current Standard



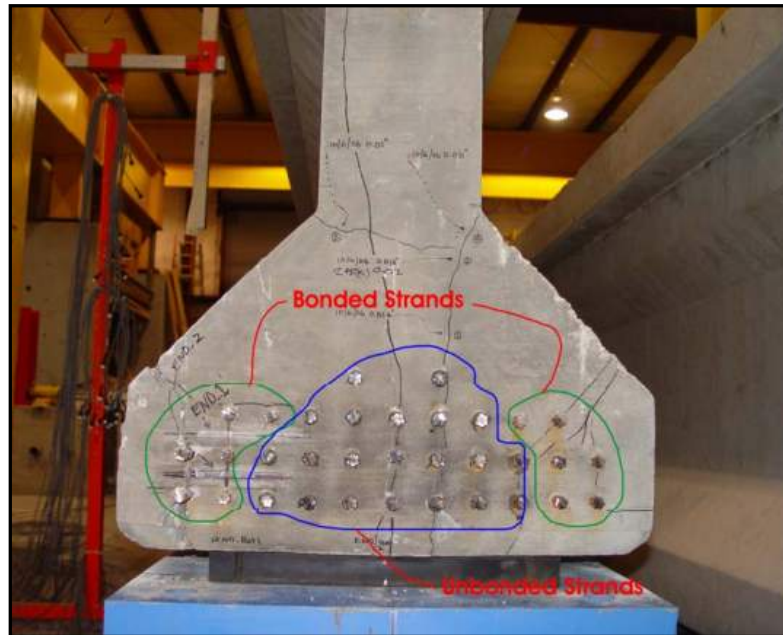
# Girder Testing

- Fabricated Two TYPE IV Girders
- Replicated Trestle Span Beams
- Identical Debonding
- Strengthened One Side
- Load Tested



# Replicated AASHTO TYPE IV Girders

- Replicated Trestle Span Beams
- Identical Debonding
- Load Tested



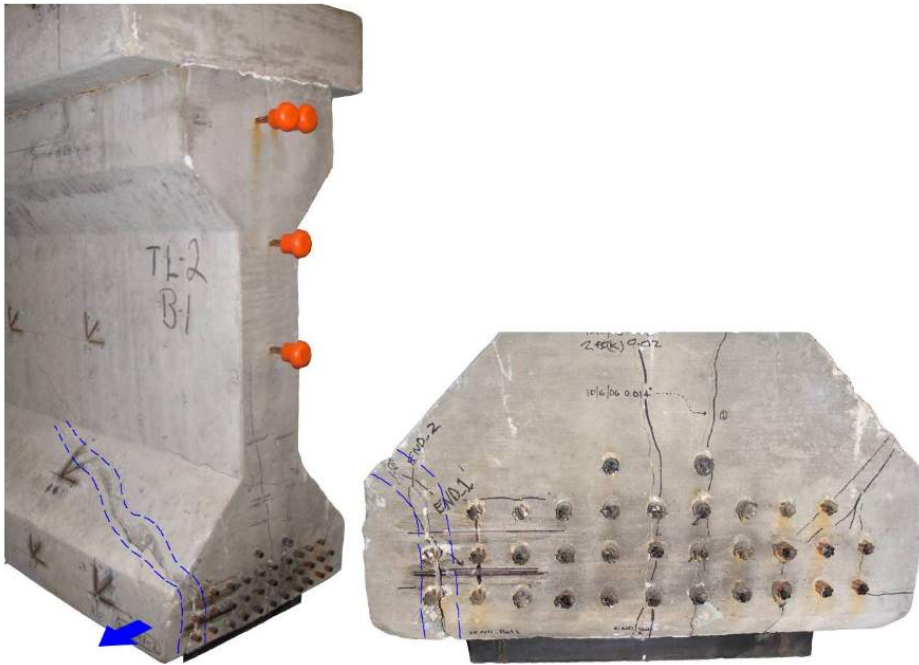
# Testing Results

- All Four Tests Exhibited Same Failure Mode
- Bulb Cracking Pattern
- Caused by Excessive Debonding
- No Confinement Steel
- Bursting of the Bulb





# Comparison of Testing



Structures Research Lab Testing



Beam Testing During Construction

# Conclusions and Recommendations of Studies

1. Diagonal cracking on exterior faces of external girders  $\approx$  98% and 93%; Interior girders  $\approx$  1.0%.
2. Traditional Analysis Indicates no deficiency in girders.
3. Standard AASHTO Specifications did not consider effect of debonding on shear capacity and overestimated nominal shear capacity of girders by 25%.
4. Strut and Tie Model and the Nonlinear FEM analysis are within 3%.
5. Concrete shear strength ( $V_c$ ) insufficient to resist service loads.
6. CFRP strengthened and Control beams exhibit same patterns
7. CFRP Strengthened a/d Ratio = 1  $\rightarrow$  9% Increase in  $V_c$
8. CFRP Strengthened a/d Ratio = 3  $\rightarrow$  21% Increase in  $V_c$
9. CFRP Wrap Also Improves Confinement
10. Recommendation  $\rightarrow$  Structural Strengthening with CFRP Wrap

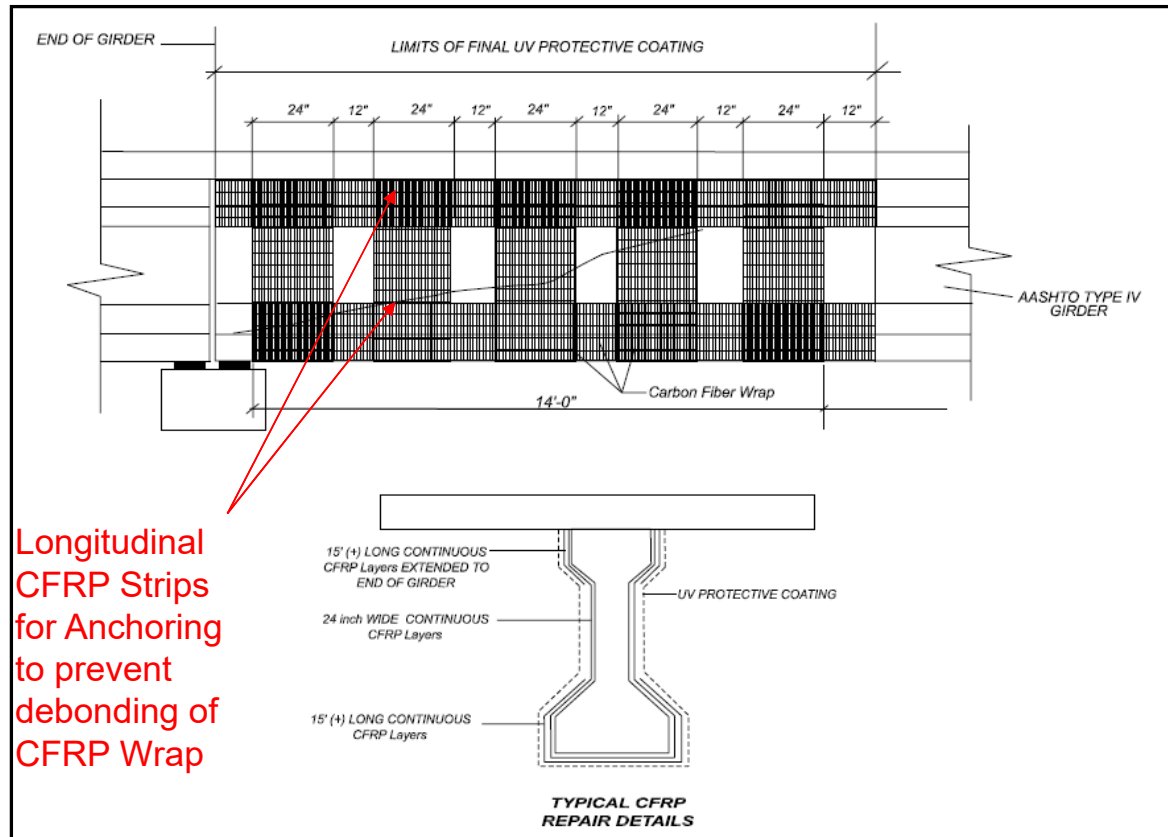
## Project 1 (2007)

- 1st Strengthening Project
- Pilot Project
- Wrapping 965 LF
- Addressing 11% (worst) Cracked Beams





# 2007 CFRP Strengthening Plan



Longitudinal CFRP Strips for Anchoring to prevent debonding of CFRP Wrap

# Concrete Surface Preparation

- Abrasive Blasting
- Grinding Corners
- Air Blasting



# Epoxy Injection of Cracks

- Important to have uninterrupted surface area





# CFRP Installation 2007

- Vertical Strips for Shear



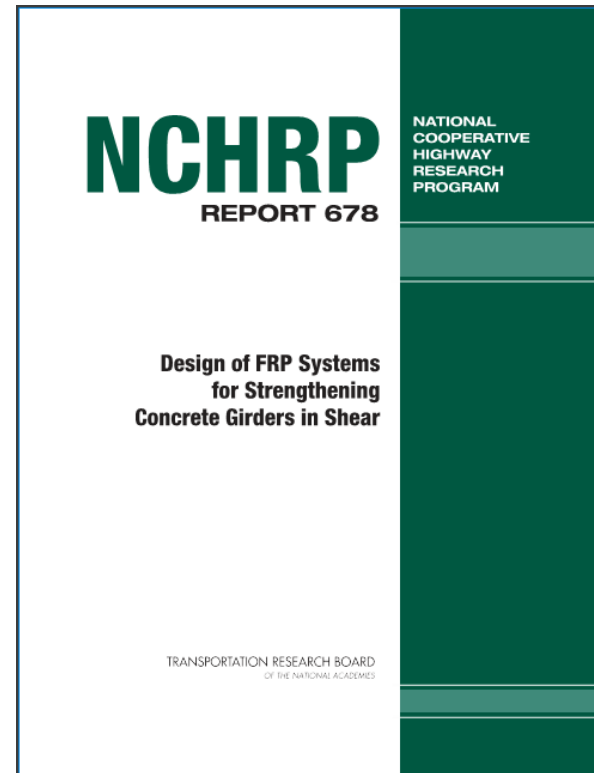
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- Longitudinal Strips for Anchoring



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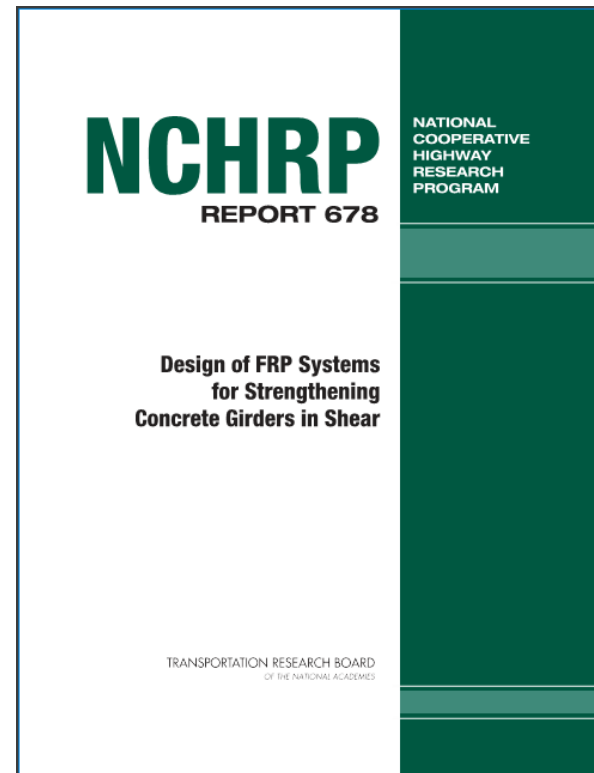
- FRP Design for Shear Strengthening
- Mechanical Anchoring
  - Most effective method to prevent debonding of FRP Wrap





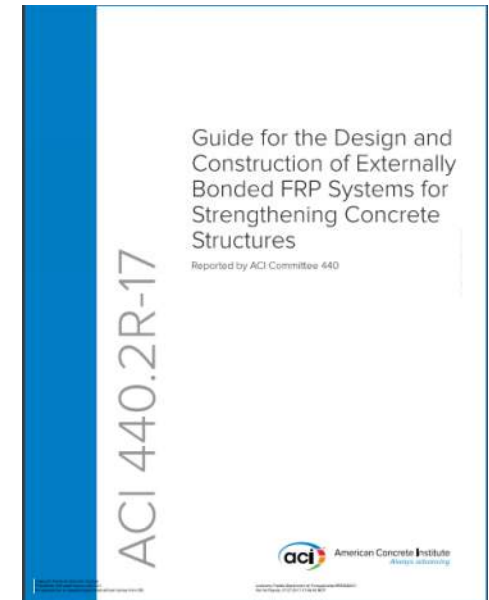
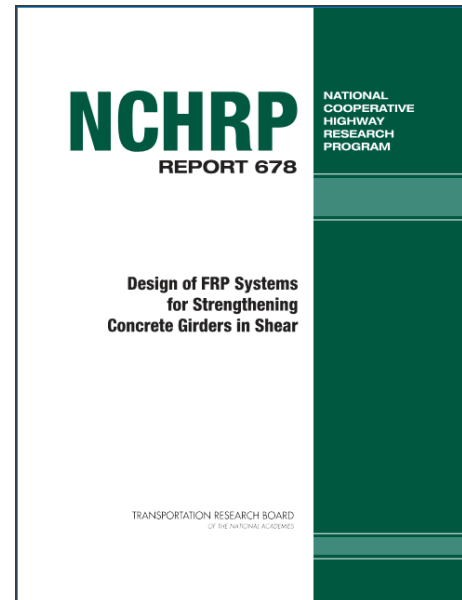
## Project 2 (2013)

- Pilot for Mechanical Anchoring
- Wrapping 365 LF
- Addressing 4% (worst) Cracked Beams

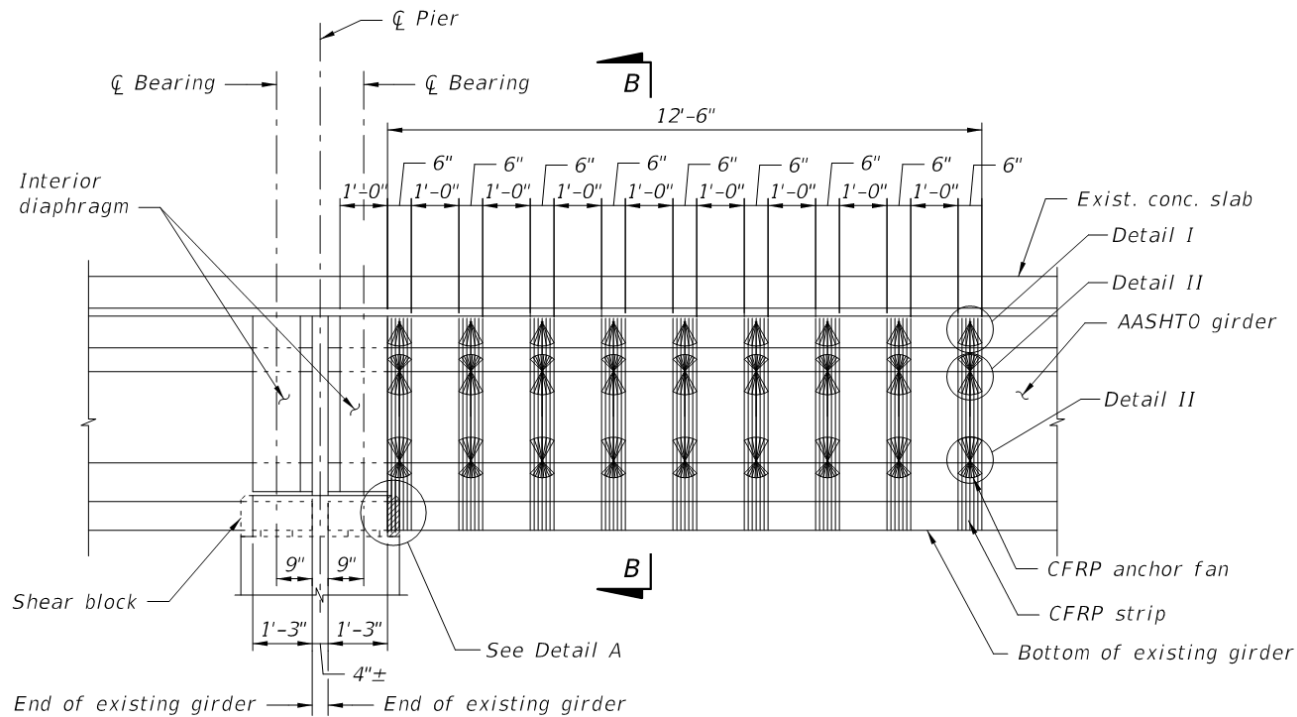


## Project 3 (2019)

- Third and Final Project in the Series
- Wrapping 7,225 LF
- Addressing 85% Remaining Deficient Beams
- Designed with the most current standards and codes
- Used what has worked successfully
- Allowed for self-adhesive wrap



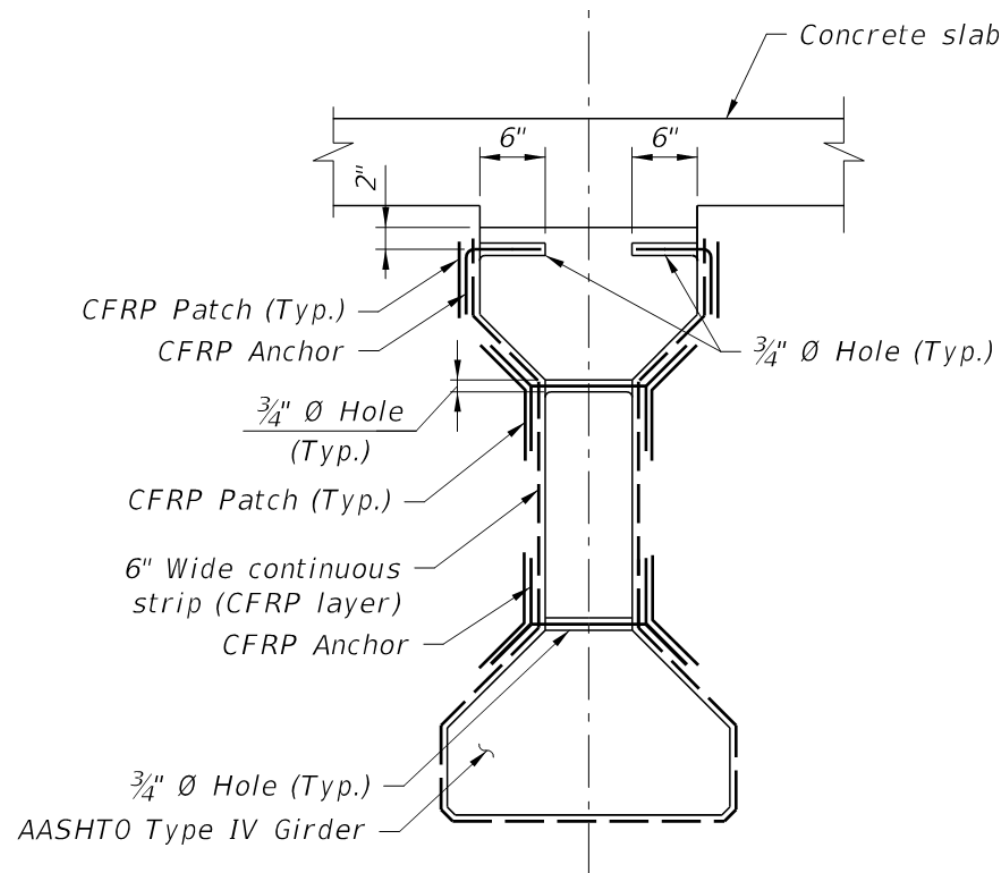
# Strengthening w/Mechanical Anchoring





# Strengthening w/Mechanical Anchoring

- Flange- 6" Both sides
- Web- All the way through



# Holes for Mechanical Anchoring



Radius ground to 1/2" minimum



# Epoxy Installation





# CFRP Wrap Installation

- 6" Vertical CFRP Strips
- 12" Spacing



# Pull-Off Testing



Strength  $\geq$  200 psi



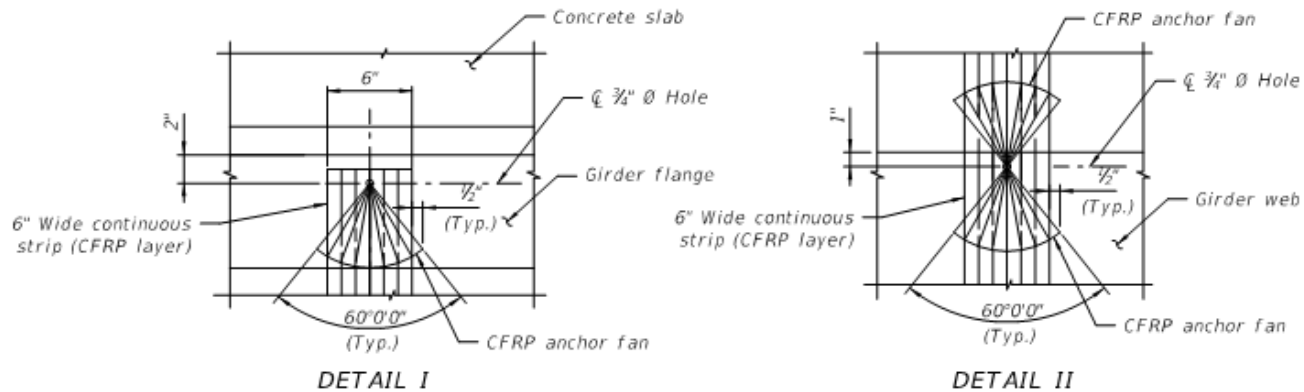
# CFRP Mechanical Anchors Installation

- Pulling CFRP mechanical anchors through the web
- Fanned out at ends



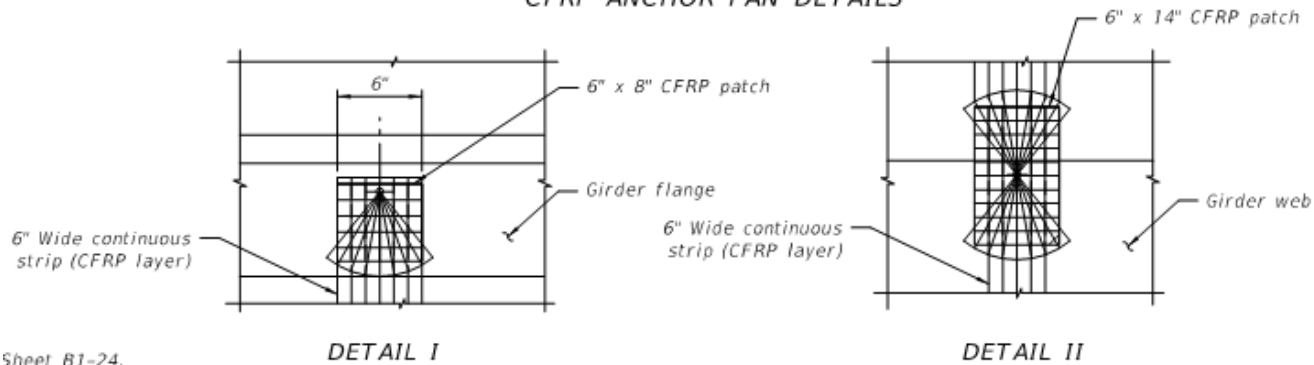


# CFRP Strengthening w/Anchoring Plan



(For bottom anchor, drill the  $\frac{3}{4}"$  hole 1" above the bottom flange into the web)

## CFRP ANCHOR FAN DETAILS



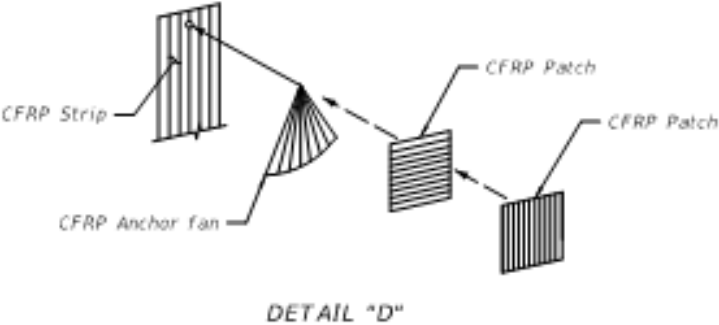
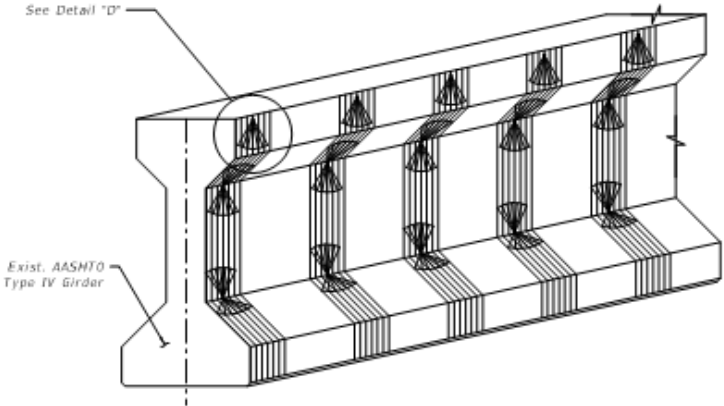
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# 2013 CFRP Anchor Fans Installation

- Epoxy anchor fans to face of beam



# CFRP Strengthening w/Anchoring Plan





# CFRP Patch Installation

- Epoxy CFRP patches over fans



# CFRP Wrap, Anchors and Patch Installed

- Prior to Curing, Testing and UV Coating



# UV Protective Coating

- UV Protective Coating installed over CFRP Material





# Summary of Projects

Description	Year	Deficient Beams Addressed	CFRP Wrap (LF)
Pilot Project	2009	11%	975
Pilot for Mechanical Anchoring	2013	4%	365
Self-Adhesive CFRP Wrap	2019	85%	7,225

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# Questions?

